



BORN IN TEXAS



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Being cute is child's play for these three local youngsters, as Isabelle Moore, left, Mason Sedberry and Taylor Partlow get to know each other. Not pictured is finalist Malaki Rodgers, who was unable to attend. The three children were finalists in the H-E-B Born in Texas photo contest. Isabelle is the daughter of Rachel and Thomas Moore; Mason is the son of Mindy and Peyton Sedberry; Malaki is the son of Abby Rodgers; and Taylor is the daughter of Chelsea and Treavor Partlow.

Budget, tax rate on county agenda Monday morning

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will hold the second of two public hearings concerning the tax rate proposed for 2005-2006 during their regular meeting Monday, with final approval of the coming year's budget expected.



Kilgore

Commissioners held the first public hearing on the proposed tax rate, which is 54.546 cents per \$100 valuation, in late

August, drawing no opposition from the public.

And while the proposed rate, which is right at the rollback limit, is lower than last year's 55.337 cents per \$100 valuation, it's expected to bring in \$465,933 more thanks to elevated mineral values.

Commissioners are also expected to hold a public hearing Monday morning concerning the 2005-2006 proposed budget, which includes several struggling funds.

The fund getting the largest amount of attention during recent budget sessions was the equip-

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Unemployment goes down a bit

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

While the unemployment rate in Howard county dipped slightly in July, area officials expect the return to school and addition of Hurricane Katrina evacuees to the area to cause it to rise.

According to unemployment statistics provided by the Big Spring Workforce Network, the unemployment rate dropped to 5.4 percent in July, down slightly from the 5.7 percent reported in June. The drop also shows a deep contrast with the same figures last year, when unemployment was 6.2 percent in July 2004.

The number of unem-



Gregg

employed residents dropped from 784 to 740. And while the drop seems substantial, the overall workforce in the area also took a hit, with the labor force at 13,704 in July, down 62 people from the 13,766 reported in June.

The number of people employed in Howard County fell by 18, with 12,964 people employed in July, down from the 12,982 reported in June.

"The unemployment rate for Howard County can be expected to rise slightly from the July 5.4

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Heritage Festival to combine traditions

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Texas heritage is about more than just cowboys and western pioneers.

Local event planners are looking to combine two West Texas ethnic backgrounds — Hispanic and German — for a unmatched celebration of two very different cultures.

"We're combining Deiz y Seis and a German fest

as a celebration of Texas Heritage," said Kelly Zant spokesperson for the West Texas Producers and Farmers Market, which is sponsoring the event with LULAC Council No. 4791.

The event, aptly named the Heritage Festival, is set for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23-24 at Heart of the City Park in Big Spring.

"We're going to have all

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

Big Spring man helps with effort in Louisiana

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

While hundreds of Big Spring residents are helping with relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, one local resident is closer to the center of action.

Raford Dunagan, a member of the board of the Southwest Texas Chapter of the American Red Cross, has been on station in Louisiana for the past several days, providing food and other relief services to survivors of the hurricane, which struck the Gulf Coast area last week.

Dunagan and Sue Hoover of the Southwest Texas Chapter drove a Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicle to Houston on Aug. 28, before arriving on station in Baton Rouge, La., Tuesday.

While providing services at the New Orleans airport last week, he was struck by the sheer number of people left homeless by the disaster, and their deplorable living conditions.

"The refugees are just

When you've seen people living on the street with nothing to do, you know their lives have been turned upside-down by this disaster."



Dunagan

living on the streets," he said. "Like I told a friend the other day, the only time they have any privacy is when they use a Port-a-Potty. When you've seen people living on the street with nothing to do, you know their lives have been turned upside-down by this disaster."

In terms of number of people affected, Hurricane Katrina could very well dwarf the Sept. 11 terror attacks, he said.

"The scope is just so much bigger now," Dunagan said. "So many more people are affected."

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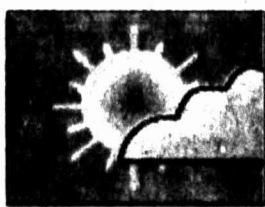


American Red Cross photo/Gene Dalley

A couple salvages whatever they can find at their Ocean Springs, Miss., home in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. They swam to the neighbor's house when the water reached waist height. Their 100-plus-year-old home survived Hurricane Camille but was no match for Katrina.

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BSHS OPEN HOUSE SET

Big Spring High School will hold an open house from 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. Monday.

Students and parents are asked to report to the student's first-period classroom no later than 7 p.m. to meet the instructors and receive information on academic planning and general school policies.

According to Principal Mike Ritchey, parents will also have the opportunity to meet all of their children's teachers during a student walk-through. Anyone needing more information is asked to call 264-3641.

CIRCUS COMING TO TOWN

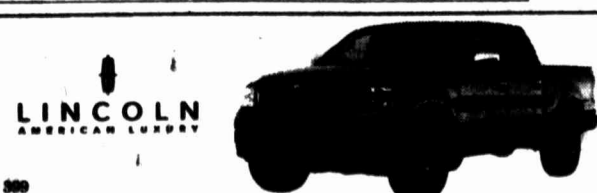
The Suez Shrine Circus will stage one performance at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Children 12 and under receive free tickets at area merchants.

All Hurricane Katrina evacuees will receive free admission to the two-hour family show, which is put on by Jordan Productions Inc.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE



Cover Story: Country singer Trisha Yearwood is returning to her Georgia roots for her first CD in four years. The theme of her CD, as well as "Georgia Rain," is centered around the small town that shaped her so profoundly.



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Obituaries

Rosemary Guess

Jan. 21, 1930 - July 21, 2005
Rosemary passed away at her home in St Thomas, United States Virgin Island while she slept, in the company of her beloved dogs. For many years she had been battling multiple medical problems associated with end stage renal disease.

Those of us who knew her and loved her will miss her dearly. She was the kindest, gentlest soul one could ever meet. Apart from family and her many friends, Rosemary's true passion was her total, unabashed, unrestrained love of animals (except, of course snakes).

Her car was virtually a mobile mini-pet food supply warehouse: canned and dry food for any stray or abandoned dog or cat she might encounter. Bread crumbs for the birds and whatever leftovers were appropriate for squirrels, bunnies, iguana's, lizards or chipmunks.

And speaking of monks, Rosemary counted the days, the hours, the minutes and the seconds until the next episode of "Monk," her TV alter ego.

Rosemary was born in Hattiesburg Miss., and as the wife of an Air Force non-commissioned officer, lived in Japan, Maine, Florida, Arkansas and Texas and let us not forget the time she spent in Roswell, N.M., which could explain her uncanny ability to communicate with animals.

For many years she was the owner of Margaret's Dress Shop in Big Spring and after relocating to the northeast, she worked in New Jersey at the Cherry Hill Hilton and retired as deputy registrar of the office of the Burlington County superintendent of elections.

Rosemary is survived by her daughters, Amanda, Theresa and Mary Ellen; grandchildren, Jason, Matthew, Alex, Abby and Aaron; and her particular friends, Deborah Crosby and Denny Shea.

A graveside memorial service will be held Oct. 1, 2005, at 1 p.m. at the Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia followed by a reception at the cemetery gatehouse.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Utopia Ranch, 966 Echo Hill Road, Medina 78055 to establish "Rosemary's Retreat," a corral where homeless pets can live out their natural lives.

Although we will miss Rosemary, she has joined her Ralda in everlasting peace and eternal rest.

Paid obituary

E.C. Roberson



E.C. Roberson, 59, of Big Spring died Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, in a Midland hospital after a lengthy battle with cancer. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, at Memorial Football Stadium with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th & Main Church of Christ and Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born March 24, 1946, in Fort Worth and married Sarah McWhorter on Aug. 2, 1969, in Big Spring.

E.C. grew up in Ft. Worth and graduated from Ft. Worth Christian High School. He played football in high school and college and graduated from ACU in 1969. E.C. taught and coached 7th grade at Goliad Junior High School for 33 years until his death.

His passion was working with younger kids and that is why he taught and coached in the 7th grade for all those years and had coached over 4,000 kids in his career. Rarely does an individual have the opportunity to impact the lives of this many young people.

He loved the outdoors and was an avid golfer, hunter and fisherman. He was a member of 14th & Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah Roberson of Big Spring; a son and daughter-in-law, Nick and Anne Roberson of Big Spring; a daughter, Brittany Roberson of Big Spring; his mother, Beatrice Roberson of Big Spring; a brother and sister-in-law, Bubba and Joan Roberson of Atlanta; two grandchildren, Devin Roberson and Faith Roberson; a niece, Caroline Roberson of Atlanta; and a nephew, Davis Roberson of Atlanta.

He was preceded in death by a son, Stephen Roberson; his father, Everett Calvin Roberson; and a brother, James Dennis Roberson.

The family suggests memorials be made to Big Spring Athletic Department, 707 E. 11th Place, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Lonnie Tillman Shoults

Lonnie Tillman Shoults, 93, of Lufkin, formerly of Forsan died Saturday morning, Sept. 10, 2005, at Woodland Heights Hospital in Lufkin. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday:

- **CIMMARON YANEZ PARKER**, 22, of 1314 Harding, was arrested Friday on a charge of evading arrest and revocation of parole.

- **BRITTANY MICHELLE VAUGHAN**, 26, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Friday on a county warrant.

- **STACY LYNN PENDLETON**, 30, of 1405 Sycamore, was arrested Friday on a charge of resisting arrest and three county warrants.

- **MARKQUIN HARRIS**, 19, of 1509 Sycamore, was arrested Friday on three local citations.

- **ROBERT BAKER**, 31, of 407 Donley, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and revocation of parole.

- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 3300 block of FM 700.

- **RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION** was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.

- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$200 million Friday.

None of the tickets sold for Friday's \$172 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Tuesday.

The winning numbers from Friday's drawing were: 15, 28, 43, 51 and 52. The Mega Ball number was 11.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 8-12-13-25-34.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: \$34,273.

Winning tickets sold in: Abilene.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-0-7

Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Louisiana Lottery:

Pick 3: 9-0-4

Pick 4: 2-5-4-4

Cash Quest: 15-21-41-47

Weather

Sunday...Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday night...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Friday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Support groups

TUESDAY
• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY
• Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

SATURDAY
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

• Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

• Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacleants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

• Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

• Howard-Glasscock Counties American Cancer Society director's meeting in the dining room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center at noon. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

WEDNESDAY

• Senior Leadership class begins.

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

• Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.

• American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.

• Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.

• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Leela Schooler, a member of the local chapter of Girl Scouts of America, takes a bounce on an inflatable ride Saturday morning in front of Wal-Mart, as the Girl Scouts held a bake-sale and rally.

RED CROSS

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It's just kind of overwhelming when you consider how many people have been displaced."

Dunagan and Hoover will remain in Louisiana until Sept. 17, providing food, water, clothing and other relief aid, but he fully expects a

Red Cross presence in the area for many months to come.

"We're going to return home next week, but obviously there's going to be someone here a lot longer than that," he said.

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JOBS

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percent due to students that are returning to school," said Mary Gregg, assistant area manager for the Big Spring Workforce Network. "Our office continues to search for ways to match employers with job seekers and we're currently working with the Hurricane Katrina evacuees to help those who want to stay in this area to find permanent employment."

The decrease in the overall workforce in Howard County isn't indicative of the region however, as he civilian labor force in the Permian Basin region increased slightly by 1,311 in July to 187,730 people.

According to TWC statistics, the

labor force in this region is comprised of 178,995 workers and 8,735 job seekers. The unemployment rate in the Permian Region dropped by three-tenths of a percentage point to 4.7 percent, while employment in the region edged upward by 1.1 percent in July. The number of unemployed in the region decreased by 6.1 percent — or 566 people — over the past months.

Unemployment rates in neighboring counties include Andrews, 4.8 percent; Borden, 4 percent; Dawson, 7 percent; Ector, 5.1 percent; Glasscock, 4.1 percent; Martin, 4.9 percent; and Midland, 4.1 percent. The Texas rate is currently 5 percent.

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FESTIVAL

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kinds of food and really great music," said Zant. "And, admission is free."

Vendors will offer everything from food to novelties and there will be rides for the children.

All of the details have not been set, but the festi-



Zant

Activities for Sept. 24

val is expected to open at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 23 with a country music act, said Zant. A tejano band will perform for a dance that will run from 8:30 p.m. until midnight.

will begin at 7 a.m. with a traditional farmer's market held every Saturday in the park.

At 10:30 a.m., the Havlak-Batla Polka Band from St. Lawrence will play. The well-known band plays each year at Fredricksburg's festival, Zant said.

"At that time, there will be German sausage and

kolaches for sale, ready to eat or to take home. We'll have tables and chairs set up for those who want to sit down and have a meal, or just rest a bit," said Zant.

Organizers plan to offer sausage plates with all the trimmings.

Also on the schedule is a washer tournament at 1 p.m.

Folklorico dancers and musical groups will perform throughout the afternoon, leading up to a dance, which will begin at 8 p.m. and last until midnight. La Fuerza will play during the dance.

"They are awesome," said Zant. "They have lots and lots of brass and they really do a wonderful job. "We're going to have a

real good time. We hope everyone will mark their calendar for that weekend and come enjoy the fun," she added.

For more information on the Heritage Festival, contact Zant at 816-4540.

COUNTY

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ment operating fund, which commissioners recently agreed to "pad" with approximately \$200,000 from the entity's general fund in addition to making several cuts to the 2005-2006 budget.

Commissioners agreed on several cuts, including \$150,000 from the road and bridge administration for new vehicles and four new cars for the sheriff's office, instead of the six that had been requested.

"It's going to take a combination of cutting some of the vehicles that have been requested and

taking funds from the general fund and adding it to the equipment fund to even begin to bring it back up," said County Auditor Jackie Olson.

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said he and the rest of the commissioners had hoped the increase in tax revenue would help offset soaring energy and utility costs, but to no avail.

"Unfortunately, it won't level things out," said Kilgore. "That was the whole purpose of this. When you get the values and set the tax rate — minus about 3 percent for delinquent taxes — you know pretty well on the money what the revenue is going to be.

"But it's hard to project

what the other fees and factors will bring. Also, we're at a point where we have to guess on the utility and fuel costs, which have really gone up. That's what makes the budget process so hard."

Olson is also expected to present invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments during the meeting. Fuel bids will also be presented by Olson, in addition to setting the salaries, expenses and allowances for elected officials and a presentation concerning a contract for court collections.

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is expected to present personnel considerations and a payroll report to the commissioners, while County

Administrator Phil Furqueron will discuss ongoing renovations at several county facilities.

Sheriff Dale Walker is also expected to be present to deliver a report on the vehicle operation budget for the sheriff's office.

Eddy Jameson, county road and bridge administrator, will report on pipeline crossings and road maintenance, while County Librarian Hollis McCright will present a report on a new fee list for the Howard County Library.

Drew Mouton of Mouton & Mouton Attorneys at Law is expected to present commissioners with the annual tax report.

The meeting is expected

to get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's take a role in reaching lofty United Way goal

Another campaign kickoff luncheon has signaled the start of the annual drive for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. This is an effort everyone can get behind because it benefits us all.

More than that, it's a campaign we all have to support if it is to reach its \$300,000 goal.

While that figure seems lofty in the wake of last year's drive failing to reach its \$275,000 target, we should all take to heart what kickoff luncheon speaker George Toone noted — that "in a community of 20,000 people, that's not much money per person."

That's the key. If we all give a little, that goal will be achieved and our community will be the better for it.

The few dollars each of us gives to United Way goes a long, long way. Through scouting, the YMCA, Boys Club after-school programs and the like, children learn teamwork, responsibility and the value of participation. It helps keep our youth focused on positive things and off the streets.

Programs such as Victim Services give those who have suffered emotional and physical trauma a source to turn to, new hope and the ability to carry on with productive lives. The American Red Cross helps us in times of disaster, whether it be in the aftermath of a hurricane or a house fire.

The Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center helps us recover from physical setbacks and get back on our feet again.

And the Salvation Army, always there with a helping hand in times of disaster, also provides school supplies, coats and shoes for those who don't have them; food for those who are hungry; Christmas for those who would not otherwise share the joy and peace of the holiday season. In short, it helps those who are having a tougher time of it and need a warm, caring hand to help them back up again.

So many lives are touched by these non-profit organizations and the others United Way serves — the Council on Aging, Howard County Humane Society, Isaiah 58, CASA of west Texas, Northside Community Center and the Westside Community Center and Westside Day Care Center.

All told, the 15 agencies ensure that someone in our county who needs help can get it with dignity and pride.

Those few dollars each of us contributes keep our neighborhoods safer, helps ensure some children get an education and offer single parents a step up to self-sufficiency.

This is not charity. It is seeing to the well being of an entire community.

And remember, many of those who need our help today will be among our leaders tomorrow. That is the goal — to provide the means for everyone in our county to have an equal chance to become a productive part of society.

Please, let's all do our part.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we listen to Your word, Lord, and speak Your love.
Amen

Why did Big Spring fail to get bid for USAF's IFT program?

EDITOR'S NOTE: This another in a continuing series of question and answer features in which local officials provide the answers to readers' questions.

I asked Editor John Moseley for permission to write a substantially long answer in an effort to thoroughly cover a matter that has represented a huge effort for me and a huge opportunity for the people of Big Spring. I appreciate his willingness to give me this extra space. He thinks, like I do, that the facts and new findings related to our bid to win the United States Air Force, Air Education and Training Command (AETC) Introductory Flight Training (IFT) program need a full and public airing.

I am speaking, of course about AETC's rejection of our proposal, developed by a team of unmatched professionals at The Boeing Company, as the prime contractor, and Durango Aerospace, Christiansen Aviation and Howard College as partners. After two years work, we were rejected without so much as a visit to McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and our community. I bring this matter to the public's attention because if ever there was an example of media supporting "your right to know" — it is here and now.

Some may view this article as sour grapes at losing — something we proud people of West Texas don't do. After reading this you'll see this is not about sour grapes. It's about fairness and honesty. Proud people don't regret losing in a fair fight. But from what we have learned in the last several weeks, I believe this was not a fair and honest competition — not done in accordance with U.S. government procurement rules.

I view this answer as a call for fairness and an investigation in a matter that has huge implications for the future of 26,000 people of Big Spring. What I'd like to do is lay out the facts as we know them, raise serious questions about the Air Force's process and pledge that I am bound and determined to get questions answered.

First and most importantly, our IFT bid was not a competition "against" Midland. If the IFT program would be sited here in Big Spring, the Midland community would directly benefit by supporting a substantial transportation requirement, services industry requirements and entertainment demands supporting literally thou-

sands of new officers, their friends, family and USAF support personnel arriving at Midland International Airport (MAF), patronizing Midland and Big Spring businesses. This is not a "zero-sum, them-or-us, benefit."

You need to know that retired Air Force Col. Phil Handley, who introduced the Boeing Co. and this entire project to Big Spring, had first introduced Boeing to Midland in an effort to attract aerospace business to Midland, where he lives and works. First, he worked with Midland to attract a training squadron of Dutch F-16s to base at MAF. And before that, he worked to find financing to bring an engineering and re-manufacturing program for T-37s to Midland. And again, before that, he worked tirelessly to launch a pilot training program at Midland College which is thriving today.

No one has worked harder to bring aerospace jobs to the Permian Basin than Phil Handley, and his company, Durango Aerospace. So, why didn't he recommend basing the Air Force Training program at Midland's MAF?

Two reasons: Safety and economic factors.

Let me address each item.

Col. Handley once commanded the world's largest wing of fighter aircraft and knows as much about pilot training as anyone alive. He knows that accidents in pilot training — especially brand new pilots — are a statistical certainty.

A tragic example: At the USAF academy, in a two year period in the early 1990s, there were dozens of in-flight engine failures in training aircraft, crashes that killed four students and instructors, and created vigorous opposition from the people of Colorado Springs to cadet pilot training at the Academy field.

Thankfully the program at the Academy has been modified and improved. But the point remains — accidents will happen and the noise and congestion that large pilot training programs bring to communities is significant. Col. Handley's concern is that it matters where those accidents, where the noise and where the congestion of cadet pilot training happens.

The all-up IFT program envisioned by AETC will require 250,000 take-offs and landings a year by new pilots at program maturity. In future years, if AETC were to exercise all contract operations, that number could further increase by a third. A substantial number of these flights will be first flights and first solo flights in the local traffic pattern and local areas.

By any measure in any aviation environment in the world, these are huge numbers. Regrettably, it is a statistical certainty that IFT accidents will eventually happen. The best way to reduce accident potential and minimize the impact of mishaps is to locate the training at a site that minimizes exposure to potential causes — traffic pattern and local area air traffic density in highly populated areas is a primary risk in this type of training. It was Col. Handley's recommendation and Boeing's absolute agreement — that those quarter million take-offs and landings a year happen at the barely used runways of former Webb Air Force Base, instead of a busy commercial field of Midland International — where green pilots would mix with the pilots and passengers of American, Continental and Southwest Airlines.

Additionally, the two logical auxiliary fields in a Midland-based program would be Odessa Schlemeyer and Midland Air Park — both of which are surrounded by significant residential and commercial business populations. Most certainly not a safe situation.

At McMahon-Wrinkle, there are unused miles of ramp and concrete of the former Webb AFB, and an almost total lack of conflicting traffic, open traffic patterns that did not overly any populated areas, and a built-in auxiliary field in the form of the former Howard County Airport.

On the issues of safety to pilots, travelers and community — Boeing and Durango chose Big Spring and McMahon-Wrinkle over Midland and MAF. And it makes perfect sense — that has somehow been missed by AETC.

There were three important economic factors that favored Big Spring and McMahon-Wrinkle over Midland and Midland International. These factors worked to lower tax-payer costs of training at Big Spring over Midland, lower the total cost of the Big Spring proposal to the Air Force (and tax-payer) and increase the chances of a Big Spring winning bid.

These are the factors:
1. The proposal weighting factors published by the USAF as part of its RFP declared a preference would be given to proposals that would site student training at a former UPT base. McMahon-Wrinkle Airport is of course such as base; i.e. the former Webb Air Force Base that for many years was one of the outstanding UPT bases in America.

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Thoughts on response for evacuees

It was sometime last Saturday when I first promised myself that I was not going to be amazed anymore.

I had just watched an organization that had begun forming less than 24 hours previously spring into action, taking care of a zillion little details connected with the impending arrival of about 75 Hurricane Katrina survivors.

That this daunting task was handled so smoothly in so short a time was, well, amazing. And when I heard the group had secured more than \$100,000 in financial pledges and a small mountain of donated items, I was even more thunder-struck.

That's when I first decided that nothing Big Spring did from that point on would amaze me.

Needless to say, that promise has been broken more than a few times over the course of the past few days. The generosity, concern and warmth that my fellow Big Spring residents have shown to the victims of this disaster have continually floored me.

Reading or watching the national news, one might get the idea that the milk of human kindness has, shall we say, dried up in recent years.

Nonsense. Pure, unadulterated, Grade-A nonsense.

All you have to do is go to one of the donation centers and see the

staggering amount of donated items to realize that people are still a good, caring bunch.

All you have to do is watch the many volunteers spring into action at a moment's notice, doing a variety of tasks, to see that the human race is still capable of great deeds.

All you have to do is tour one of the many apartments or houses made available to evacuees and see how each dwelling has been crammed to the gills with all manner of furniture, appliances and household items to feel more than a little pride in our community.

Individuals and organizations, representing every niche of our society, have rolled up their sleeves, opened up their wallets and embraced the evacuees in a giant, welcoming bear hug.

Sure, a lot of cities have done as much or even more than us. But, let's face facts — this isn't Houston or Dallas or Atlanta. This is Big Spring we're talking about, a teeny little town out in the middle of nowhere in West Texas.

Lord knows we've had our share of heartaches and disappointments in the past few years. No one would have thought less of us if we had done less.

But we did more. No one asked us to house evacuees. No one asked us to do all that we have done.

Without any urging or prodding from anyone else, we took it upon ourselves to help. And then help some more. And then top that with even more help.

As a reporter, I'd be lying if I said I wasn't initially attracted to this

effort because I thought it'd be one heck of a story.

Boy, I had that right. But in this past week, it's become more than just a story, more than just a nice scoop.

Instead, it's become a commentary on how a community can set aside its problems and concerns for a while, and reach out to those in more dire straits.

And it's also become a nice civics lesson. National headlines this week have been full of what I call the "blame game." People have been blaming government on all levels, politicians have been pointing fingers at each other and almost everyone from President Bush on down has been fitted with goat's horns because of their seeming inability to effectively deal with this crisis.

Well, fine. Let the politicians carp about who's to blame. That's what they do best, it seems.

Meanwhile, out here in West Texas, we're too busy helping people to worry about recriminations. We're too busy lifting people up and dusting them off to place blame.

So, take a bow, everyone. Go ahead and let your chests puff out a little bit. You've earned it.

You've done the Lord's work this week, people.

And I have never been so proud to call myself a resident of Big Spring.

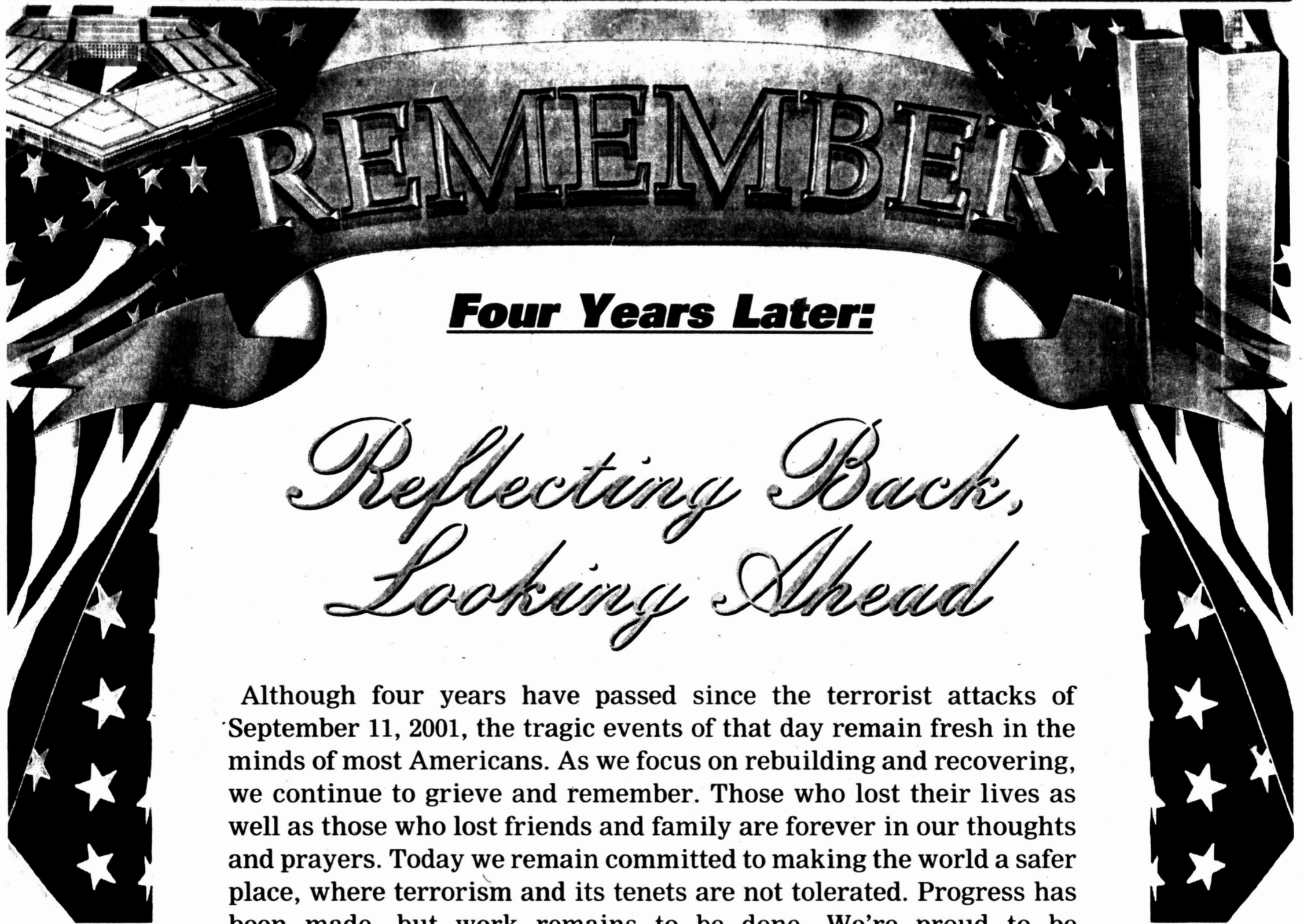
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STEVE REAGAN



Four Years Later:

*Reflecting Back,
Looking Ahead*

Although four years have passed since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the tragic events of that day remain fresh in the minds of most Americans. As we focus on rebuilding and recovering, we continue to grieve and remember. Those who lost their lives as well as those who lost friends and family are forever in our thoughts and prayers. Today we remain committed to making the world a safer place, where terrorism and its tenets are not tolerated. Progress has been made, but work remains to be done. We're proud to be Americans, and we are forever grateful to the brave men and women of our Armed Forces, both past and present, who fight to protect our freedom and the American way of life. They are our heroes, and we salute their courage, patriotism and dedication.

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2. Again, in weighting factors published by the USAF as part of its RFP, it was stated that preference would also be given to proposals that would bring new economic activity to depressed communities. It is no secret that when Webb closed, thousands of jobs left and Big Spring has struggled to find our economic footing ever since.

3. Through a series of creative initiatives between Boeing, the City of Big Spring and the State of Texas, the team packaged a number of substantial capital improvement grants and operating cost reductions that, we believe, make our final proposal very cost effective — and more so than what could have been developed at Midland, or for that matter, anywhere else in America.

Our proposal to the Air Force took thousands of man-hours at a substantial cost and two years to research, model, cost-out, publish and present. Most of these proposal-writing costs were borne by the Boeing Company. It is important that everyone know that this proposal never would have happened without Boeing stepping up to the plate. Boeing believed in Big Spring and believed in Col. Handley. We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to Boeing for giving the people of Big Spring a chance.

Our proposal, in fact belongs to Boeing — and it will remain confidential to Boeing and the USAF. But it is important for you to know that our proposal employed innovative and cost-reducing factors, training techniques, aircraft maintenance and modernization programs and new facility construction that I believe no other "finalist" in this competition features.

There is another huge factor that favors our proposal over others received by the Air Force — year around flying weather. Ironically, the other finalist for this competition is located in Selma, Ala., where there are many days of solid overcast, frequent thunderstorms and tragically, regular hurricanes.

When members of our team met with AETC on July 29 for a "de-brief" on why AETC excluded Big Spring from a site visit in this competition — I will tell you frankly that there were no intelligent reasons that even came close to passing a red face test. None. We are bound by USAF ground-rules that specifics of the "de-brief" are not to be disclosed. Presentation materials

issued by the Air Force were marked "Confidential."

But I will tell you that we asked direct questions and were given evasive answers. It was also clear to us that if the lack of understanding by staff on the relative merits of our proposal was the basis of recommendations to Air Force higher-ups who made cut decisions. Both our community and a future Air Force trainee has been badly served.

In side-bar conversations outside the official debriefing, members of our team were told that the finalists were chosen "at the top" — in the office of the Secretary of the Air Force. If true, this is highly unusual. It is not uncommon for a service secretary to become involved in choosing among finalists for a major procurement. But it is almost unprecedented that a service secretary would get involved in the lower level screening of bids.

We don't have the money here in Big Spring to hire lawyers and file a protest. And Boeing, as a matter of policy, does not protest contract bid results. I alone, cannot mount an investigation of this matter inside AETC — but other parts of the Air Force can — and should.

Here are important facts relating to "external influences" — that smell like conflict of interest and political interference in the contract award process.

Fact One: It is alleged by two sources that an employee of Camber Corp. out of Huntsville, Ala., worked with AETC staff during development of the IFT requirement and RFP (Camber has a contract to support AETC) and then, once the RFP was out, Camber moved him to support the Dyncorp proposal-writing

effort at Midland (Camber is a major subcontractor to Dyncorp).

This places Camber and their employee on both sides of this contract process. There are many legal terms that could describe this situation, and I am not a lawyer so I am not sure what comes closest, but all of them are unpleasant and actionable. The Air Force Inspector General should be the one to look into this conflict of interest and come up with the right, actionable words and related actions.

Fact Two: In published newspaper articles, Texas politicians boasted that they would work to steer the \$100 million-plus, 10-year contract to Midland.

We saw this and recognized it was the type of political lobbying that is both against Air Force procurement regulations and usually a disqualifier for proposals receiving the political support. I suppose we could have asked for political considerations too — and tried to compete in the political arena against other richer cities such as San Antonio or Midland. But we decided not to as a matter of integrity and the merit of our program.

Our team, mostly at Boeing's expense, provided thorough and thoughtful responses to all the questions posed by the USAF in their RFP. It is now time, based upon our July 29 "de-brief" in San Antonio, for the Air Force and Texas politicians to answer some questions.

Questions about conflict of interest and political influence:

• Will the Air Force investigate the Camber-Dyncorp-AETC-IFT connections?

• On the matter of political influence: What did Midland politicians and federal politicians do to follow-up their state-

ments?

USAF procurement regulations specifically disqualify proposals where there is political intrusion into a procurement process. Surely, AETC staff would be interested in these newspaper articles. What is AETC's view of these "commitments" by Texas politicians? What calls were made? What favors were traded?

• On the matter of safety and community relations, were the residents of Selma and Midland ever asked if they supported adding 250,000 or more takeoffs and landings a year to the air traffic density and noise at their community airports and local areas? Are these communities completely supportive of this type of training as is Big Spring?

• Was the FAA ever consulted on the matter of threats to safety, when 250,000 new-student takeoffs and landings a year are suddenly mixed-in with commercial airline operations? Did anyone ever ask for the views of operations executives at American, Continental and Southwest Airlines?

• Why did the USAF ignore its own RFP weighting criteria for "former USAF Pilot Training Bases" — and choose Midland International Airport over former Webb AFB?

• Why did the USAF

ignore its own RFP weighting criteria for bringing economic development to depressed communities and choose Midland over Big Spring?

• Was the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force involved in the preliminary decision rounds for this IFT bid? If so, why?

The Big Spring-Boeing-Durango proposal involved novel approaches and new cutting edge efficiencies. Without revealing the details of our approach, we believe that our proposal will cost the USAF substantially less than other proposals — while providing a superior training environment, enhanced military professional training, better facilities and a supportive community that has a proven record for support of military flying activity.

For example, we will build new facilities at McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and create an entire pilot training campus. Compare this to one of two other finalist proposals that will reportedly house officers in motels and bus them to training facilities.

What should be done, you may ask?

Speaking for myself and others here in Big Spring, I believe the Air Force should immediately stop all activity on this contract award until questions have been investi-

gated and answered. What's needed here is some daylight and honesty.

I will be asking questions and I invite the people of Big Spring to ask questions, too. As they say, no job is done until the paperwork is finished. And I am far from finished here.

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Authorities in New Orleans find far fewer bodies than feared so far

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Authorities said the first street-by-street sweep of this swamped city revealed far fewer corpses than originally feared, a glimmer of encouraging news amid the toxic floodwaters.

The mayor and others had predicted up to 10,000 deaths, but that number appeared less likely after Friday's count, said retired Marine Col. Terry Ebbert, the city's homeland security chief.

"Some of the catastrophic deaths that some people predicted may not have occurred," Ebbert said.

He declined to give a revised estimate, but said: "Numbers so far are relatively minor as compared to the dire projections of 10,000."

Also Friday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projected it will take a

month to dry out New Orleans, which had been 80 percent covered following the storm and levee breaches. The Corps previously said it could take 80 days.

The news came as authorities shifted most of their attention to counting and removing the dead, after days spent cajoling the living to get out of a city beset by fetid

floodwaters and scattered fires.

Since the hurricane struck Aug. 29, residents, rescuers and cadaver-sniffing dogs have found bodies floating in the water, trapped in attics or left on broken highways. Some were dropped off at hospital doorsteps or left slumped in wheelchairs out in the open.

Police and soldiers had

been marking houses where corpses were found, or noting their location with global positioning devices, so that the bodies could be collected later.

Mayor Ray Nagin had suggested last weekend that "it wouldn't be unreasonable to have 10,000" dead, and authorities ordered 25,000 body bags. But soldiers brought

in over the past few days to help in the search were not seeing that kind of toll.

"There's nothing at all in the magnitude we anticipated," said Maj. Gen. Bill Caldwell, commander of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division.

Ebbert said the search for the dead will be done block-by-block, with no news media allowed to

follow along. "You can imagine sitting in Houston and watching somebody removed from your parents' property," he said. "We don't think that's proper."

State officials could not provide an exact count of the dead recovered so far. Corpses from New Orleans were taken to a morgue in St. Gabriel.

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An opportunity such as IFT comes around once in a lifetime — as it did when the USAF opened Webb Air Force base in 1951.

As promised, I will be raising questions and seeking answers. But I also need to push ahead with my important job of finding new sources of business and industry for Big Spring.

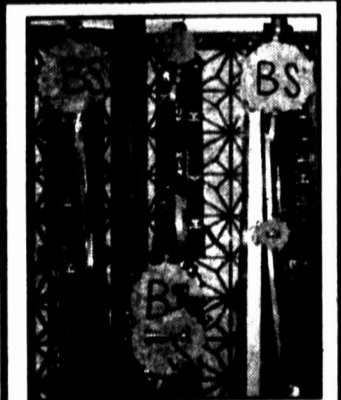
I'm not a political big shot and in Washington, it maybe easy for bureaucrats to ignore my calls, faxes and letters. But I don't think 100 calls, faxes and letters will be ignored.

So the public's help is needed here. Given the magnitude of the opportunity here, it is clearly a matter of working to help everyone in Big Spring.

Kent Sharp is executive director of Moore Development for Big Spring Inc.

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News briefs

Woman gets probation in PTA theft

LEAGUE CITY (AP) — A former PTA treasurer has been sentenced to 10 years probation and 200 community service hours after pleading guilty to taking thousands of dollars from the organization's bank account at her son's elementary school.

Parents with the Walter Hall Elementary School PTA said Monica Tidwell illegally wrote more than \$52,000 in PTA checks to herself or a business she operates with her husband, City Councilman Rusty Tidwell. He was not charged in the case.

As part of the plea bargain Monica Tidwell accepted Friday, she presented the PTA with a \$19,500 cashier's check. Mo Ibrahim, first assistant Galveston County district attorney, said that payment covered the remainder of the restitution she owed.

Tidwell was indicted in August for the misapplication of fiduciary property. The third-degree felony carried a possible jail term of 10 years.

Judge acquits VitaPro defendants

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge has acquitted a former Texas prisons chief and a Canadian businessman of running an illegal kickback scheme in the mid-1990s, tossing aside a jury's conviction of the pair more than four years ago.

"This is well worth waiting for, as you can imagine," William White, who represented former Texas Department of Criminal Justice head James A. "Andy" Collins in the August 2001 trial in Houston, said Friday.

In an opinion supporting his decision issued late Thursday, U.S. District Judge Lynn Hughes said the government's case against Collins and Yank Barry, president of Montreal-based Vitapro Foods Inc., was too flimsy, particularly since the star witness was a convicted thief and tax cheat with no credibility.

If his decision to acquit the pair is overturned on appeal, "the defendants will receive a new trial. Justice requires it," Hughes said.

Nancy Herrera, spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Houston, said prosecutors were reviewing Hughes' decision and considering their options, including an appeal. Barry's lawyers, Kent Schaffer and Michael Ramsey, didn't immediately return calls for comment.

In the case, jurors convicted Collins of taking at least \$20,000 from VitaPro Foods in exchange for pushing through a five-year, \$33.7 million contract to distribute a soy-based granular substance to Texas inmates to cut food costs. Barry was convicted of the same charges — bribery, money laundering and conspiracy — for allegedly paying the bribes.

Couple pleads guilty to scheming to shake down Wendy's in chili finger case

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A Nevada couple pleaded guilty to charges that they planted a human finger in a bowl of Wendy's chili in a scheme to extort money from the restaurant chain.

Wendy's International Inc. said the hoax cost the company \$2.5 million in lost sales after the story circled the globe last year and became fodder for late-night comedy.

Anna Ayala, 39, and Jaime Placencia, 43, pleaded guilty Friday to conspiring to file a false claim and attempted grand theft.

"Thankfully, law enforcement thwarted their successful efforts at theft," said Deputy District Attorney David Boyd.

Ayala's attorney, Rick Ehler, said his client was truly sorry.

"There are a lot of people that work for Wendy's that were harmed, she always felt a lot of remorse about that," he said.

Ayala faces up to 10 years in prison and Placencia

faces up to 13 years behind bars. The couple, who are being held in separate county jails, are scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 2.

Oswald Hoffman dies at 91

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (AP) — The Rev. Oswald Hoffman, the longtime voice of the "Lutheran Hour" radio program, died Thursday in St. Louis after a brief illness, radio station KFUO said on its Web site. He was 91.

The show, which is still broadcast weekly, is credited with making Hoffman one of the best-known Protestant evangelists in America. The Lutheran Hour Ministries said he consulted with former presidents Dwight Eisenhower, John Kennedy and Richard Nixon, along with world religious leaders, including the Rev. Billy Graham.

"For more than 33 years, Dr. Hoffman was a Sunday radio institution, touching millions worldwide with his inspirational broadcast of the Lutheran Hour," the KFUO Web site said. The station is owned by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, based in Clayton.

When Hoffman retired in 1988, the show was carried on 1,200 radio stations in America and more than 600 stations in 30 other English-speaking countries.

Hoffman also was the author of eight books, including "Hurry Home Where You Belong" and "God's Joyful Spirit."

White House replaces FEMA director as commander of Katrina relief efforts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration replaced FEMA Director Michael Brown as commander of Hurricane Katrina relief efforts Friday.

Buffeted by criticism, President Bush stirred memo-

ries of the 2001 terror attacks as he hailed the "acts of great compassion and extraordinary bravery from America's first responders," then as now.

Brown, who had come to personify a relief operation widely panned as bumbling, was replaced by Coast Guard Vice Adm. Thad W. Allen. Allen had been in charge of relief, recovery and rescue efforts for New Orleans.

The decision was made to order Brown back to Washington from Louisiana but he remains director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

FEMA says it will end debit card plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government's relief agency said Friday it will discontinue its program to distribute \$2,000 debit cards to hurricane victims and use bank deposits instead, two days after hastily announcing the novel plan to provide quick relief.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said it will scrap the program once officials finish distributing cards this weekend at shelters in Dallas, Houston and San Antonio, where many of the evacuees were moved. No cards will be issued to victims in other states.

Hurricane victims at other locations will need to apply for expedited aid through the agency's traditional route — filling out information on FEMA's Web site to receive direct bank deposits, FEMA spokeswoman Natalie Rule said.

"We tried it as an innovative way to get aid to evacuee populations in Texas. We decided it would be more expeditious with direct deposits," she said, citing the large staffing operation that would be required to replicate the Texas operation in other states.

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- Coffee @ PRL - 10:00 am
- Supper Club "Greg's Grill" - 5:30 pm

September 7 • Wednesday

- Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
- Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 am (Chair Exercise) Senior Citizens Activity Room

September 8 • Thursday

- Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall and walk together)
- Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 a.m.

September 9 • Friday

- Midland Shopping - 9:00 am (Lunch @ Cattleman's)

September 12 • Monday

- Lunch Bunch & Birthdays 11:30 am "Gale's" GAMES - 2:00 pm

September 13 • Tuesday

- Mall Walking - 8:30 am (Meet at the Mall and walk together)
- Supper Club - "La Posada" - 5:30 pm

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- Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
- Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 am (Chair Exercise) Senior Citizens Activity Room

September 15 • Thursday

- Mall Walking - 8:30 am (Meet at the Mall and walk together)
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September 27 • Tuesday

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- GAMES - 2:00 pm
- Supper Club - "Cowboys" - 5:30 pm

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Surprising heartbreaker

• Hereford wins game against Steers on long pass late

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Big Spring learned a valuable lesson Friday. To play a full four quarters of football.

The Steers led 28-24 with 30 seconds to play in the game, but allowed Hereford to execute an 85-yard wide receiver pass play with seven seconds to go and lost 31-28 in front of a large crowd at Memorial Stadium.

Big Spring took the lead on junior Ryan Tannehill's third rushing touchdown of the game, but allowed Marlo Coronado to get behind its defense for the final touchdown and Colby Marsh delivered the knockout blow to shock the Steers on their home-field.

Neither team scored in the first quarter, but points were easier to come by in the second frame.

The Whitefaces got on the board first as quarterback Casey Page found Francisco Reyes on a touchdown pass play which covered 17 yards.

The Steers tied the game up three minutes later as Tannehill scored on an 18-yard run. Two minutes after that, the Steers took the lead as Tannehill hooked up with senior Matt Hilario from 13 yards out. The go-ahead touchdown was set up by the defense as Jacob Nichols intercepted Page inside Hereford territory.

Like they did all game,



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring senior Alex Castillo stiff arms a Hereford defender and tries to break outside during action at Memorial Stadium Friday. The Steers lost a heartbreaker, 31-28.

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Bearkats roll to another 45-point mercy-rule win

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

SANDERSON — Garden City's second long road trip ended a lot better than its first one as the Bearkats scored nearly every time they got the ball and cruised past Sanderson 45-0 Friday night.

The game ended in the third quarter due to the 45-point mercy rule after Bo Eggemeyer scored on a 28-yard run.

The Bearkats led 8-0 after one quarter, but unloaded for 23 points in the second frame and 14 more in the third quarter before the game was called with 3:31 to play in third period.

"We played with a lot of intensity," said Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins. "The guys were ready to play."

Eggemeyer started the scoring for Garden City in the first quarter as he rumbled 63 yards for the touchdown with 5:34 to play in the game.

"They caught us off guard with some plays we hadn't seen this year, but we adjusted and ended

the game a little sooner than expected."

The game ended sooner than expected because No. 8 Garden City (2-1) turned it up in the second period and scored 23 points. They scored three touchdowns through the air and by the arm of junior Alex Halfmann. He hooked up with junior Jared Bradford from 25 and 16 yards out, respectively, on the first two and then found junior Taylor Niehues from 10 yards out with no time left in the quarter.

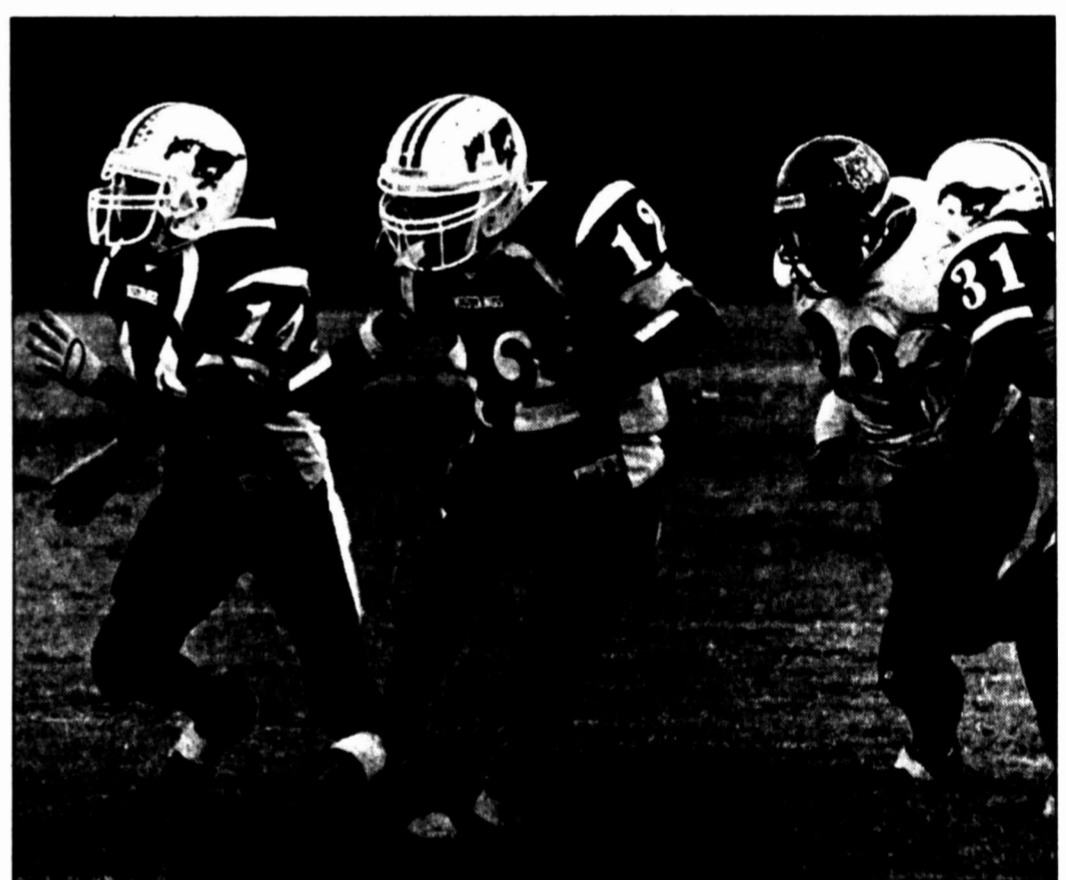
"Those last two drives were the key to the game," said Hoskins. "We were able to score the first one on fourth down and then got the ball back later and drove 76 yards in 30 seconds."

Halfmann scored from six yards out to start the scoring in the third quarter and then Eggemeyer's 28-yard run ended the game at 45-0.

"The defense was strong again," said Hoskins. "Everyone played well, but we got great games from Cory Multer, Colton Schwartz, Cade Doss and Blaine Walker."

Garden City finished with 216 rushing yards and 159 passing yards,

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler
Sands' Santos Ybarra runs through the line against Westbrook Friday night in Ackerly. The Mustangs had trouble stopping Westbrook as they were defeated 49-0.

Westbrook runs through Sands

By ERIC C. RODEWALD
Special to the Herald

ACKERLY — The homestanding Sands Mustangs struggled Friday night against visiting Westbrook, falling 49-0. The game ended with 1:12 left in the third quarter via the 45-point mercy rule.

According to Sands head coach Wayne Henderson, the Mustangs have been short-handed since the beginning of the season.

"Junior Garrett

Nichols, who would have started for us, was diving for a pass in practice and broke his collarbone," Henderson said. In addition to Nichols, another would-be starter that was absent from Friday night's game was senior Cevan Smithson, who is out for the year with a torn tendon in his foot. He rushed for 1,300 yards last season.

"Needless to say the injuries have really hurt," Henderson said.

Although Sands is 0-3 to start the year,

Henderson feels that his team is getting valuable experience preparing them for district play.

"We are just young and inexperienced," Henderson said. "Junior Martin Dominguez and senior Greg Carter are playing at the varsity level this season for the first time. Also, sophomore Jesus Casas has been contributing in the lineup, as well."

The slow start is something that the Mustangs

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IN BRIEF

Booster club meets
The Comanche Athletic Booster Club will meet each Monday at 7 p.m. in Coach Kim Nichols' classroom through the football season. The meetings after football season will take place only when needed.

For more information, contact Donna Wright at 267-6723.

Quarterback club sets remaining weekly meetings

The Big Spring football booster club (quarterback club) will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the ATC through the football season.

For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

YMCA sets meeting for adult flag football league

An organizational meeting has been scheduled for adults wanting to field a team to play flag football this fall.

Participants must be 18 years of age or older to play.

The meeting will take place at the YMCA Tuesday at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 267-8234.

Big Spring starts junior tennis league

Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen has announced the starting of a junior tennis league.

The league will take place every Monday for the next six weeks. It will take place at the Figure 7 Tennis Center inside Comanche Trail Park and will last from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. each night.

Participants must bring a racket or one may be provided.

For more information, contact Olesen at 806-236-8901 or visit bigspringtennis.com.

Lady Steers Booster Club sets meeting for Monday night

The Big Spring Lady Steer Booster Club has announced a meeting for Monday.

It will take place at the Big Spring Athletic Training and start at 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Carol Policky at 466-3800.

No. 1 Sharapova loses in semifinals

NEW YORK (AP) — All Mary Pierce and Kim Clijsters needed was a little extra time to get to the U.S. Open final.

Pierce took a controversial 12-minute injury timeout after losing the first set, then gutted out a 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 victory over Elena Dementieva.

Clijsters, seeking her first Grand Slam title, blew five match points in the second set.

No.

Coahoma falls victim to Hawks

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

WALL — The Coahoma football team suffered another loss Friday, this time at the hands of undefeated Wall.

The Hawks led 7-0 after one quarter and then scored 13 points in the second and third quarters to win going away 33-7.

The Bulldogs defense didn't play as bad as the score may look as Coahoma's offense was responsible for two of Wall's touchdowns. Coahoma's defense also scored the team's only touchdown.

Wall (3-0) got on the scoreboard with 8:31 to go in the first quarter after Colby Biggerstaff rumbled for 11 yards. They then went up by two touchdowns early in the second quarter after Zach McCormick caught a 37-yard touchdown pass from Matt Mills. The Bulldogs cut the lead to one score later in the period as senior linebacker Terrell Bibb returned a fumble to the end zone with 8:54 to play until halftime.

Unfortunately for Coahoma, Wall was not done scoring in the first half. Mills ended the first half scoring with a 66-yard sprint to the end zone with 7:27 to play and the Bulldogs trailed 20-6 at the break. Coahoma, which now drops to 1-2 on the season, would not get any closer than that either. Wall scored two more touchdowns in third quarter, both of which came on defense. McCormick scored the first one on a 65-yard interception return and then

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STEERS

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Hereford was able to score with minimal time on the clock. Page found Marsh all alone in the end zone from 15 yards out. The touchdown tied the game at 14-14 and the team's remained even at halftime.

Big Spring jumped out fast in the third quarter as Tannehill again showed off his wheels. The junior quarterback rumbled for a 29-yard touchdown run with 9:36 to play in the period.

Before the Tannehill touchdown, each team exchanged fumbles.

However, Hereford wouldn't let the lead hold for long. They chipped away at the lead with a 42-yard field goal by Marsh with 2:03 to play in the game and then grabbed the advantage with 40 seconds to play after Page found Michael Caslas from 39 yards out.

The field goal was set up by a 35-yard run by Page and a 21-yard reception by Marsh. Big Spring went

three and out on its next drive and gave the ball back to Hereford at the Big Spring 39 and the Whitefaces scored on the first play from scrimmage.

Big Spring's final touchdown came late in the fourth quarter. The Steers pinned Hereford deep in its own territory after a Tannehill punt and then three plays later forced a Whiteface punt.

The Steers started its next drive on the Hereford 25-yard line after a 15-yard punt. Tannehill began the drive with a three-yard run and then junior Caleb Choate rumbled for five more yards on the ground. Tannehill picked up the first down on the next play with a five-yard run and then took the ball to the four with a six-yard push.

Hereford called timeout with just under 42 seconds to play to set its defense and on second and three, Tannehill couldn't find anyone so he threw it out of the end zone. However, Tannehill was able to cross the goal line on the next play as he



Big Spring senior Calvin Butler rumbles his way through traffic during the Steers' loss to Hereford at Memorial Stadium Friday. Butler returned to action this week after sitting out last week with a concussion.

ran around the right side for four yards. The Scott Fankhauser point after touchdown made it 28-24 Big Spring.

Hereford nearly fumbled on the return. They started the drive on the 25-yard line with 28 seconds to play. They had an incompletion and a two-

yard run by Page before delivering the 85-yard strike to Coronado.

Tannehill and Big Spring had one last try on its next possession, but the team's only play was an incomplete throw as the Whitefaces didn't let the Steers get behind them.

Big Spring (0-3) hosts Lubbock High for homecoming next Friday before getting a bye in two weeks. They then travel to San Angelo in back-to-back weeks. They play San Angelo Central Sept. 30 and then start District 4-4A play against Lake View Oct. 7.

Seagraves coasts to win over Buffs

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
SEAGRAVES — Class 1A's Seagraves took out its second straight area team Friday night as the Eagles got off to a fast start at home and cruised to a win over District 4-2A's Stanton.

Seagraves jumped out to an early 14-0 lead after one quarter. Stanton scored its only touchdown in the second quarter as the Eagles came away with a 28-7 win.

The Eagles' first two touchdowns came by way of the ground game as Ray Mijares and Tony Valenzuela scored on runs of four and 30 yards, respectively.

Stanton cut the lead to one touchdown early in the second quarter as sophomore quarterback Garrett Fulton found Matthew Ruiz on a 26-yard touchdown pass.

Eduardo Martinez came right back for Seagraves though and scored from 10 yards to put the Eagles back up by 14. They added one touchdown in the fourth quarter as Chris Beuno returned an interception 90 yards to the end zone.

Seagraves did much of

its damage on the ground, rushing for 322 carries and only attempting four passes. They worked around 12 penalties and 105 penalty yards and one turnover.

Stanton rushed for just 24 yards on 28 carries in the game. They collected

126 yards through the air as Fulton was 10-for-23 passing. The Buffaloes had one turnover and had eight penalties for 45 yards.

The Eagles improve to 2-1 on the year, while Stanton drops to 0-3.

Stanton will try to get its first victory of the year next Friday as they host Class 1A Iraan. The game will start at 7:30 p.m. and it is the team's homecoming game.



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Big Spring JH volleyball teams fall to Sweetwater

• Seventh-grade 'A' team gets only win

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
Four junior high volleyball teams from Big Spring played against Sweetwater last Tuesday, but only one team came away with a win.

The seventh-grade 'A' team defeated the Lady Mustangs in two games 25-17 and 25-22. Jillian Valle and Kasey Fitzgibbons were the standout scorers in the match. The seventh-grade 'B' team lost a close two game match 25-17 and 25-23.

The eighth-grade teams both fell to Sweetwater, as well. The 'A' team lost

in two games 25-19 and 25-12. Linzee Yarbar, Miriah Sparkman and Kelly Sage all played extremely well offensively and defensively, according to the coaches. The eighth-grade 'B' team lost 25-22 and 25-12. Marina Trevino, Vanessa Salgado and Jessica Villa played a great defensive game.

The eighth-grade coaches are Jennifer Reyes ('A') and Tabitha Barbee ('B'), while the seventh-grade team is coached by D.D. Meyers ('A') and Janeen Guynn ('B').

The seventh- and eighth-grade teams hosted a tournament Saturday in Big Spring, but scores were not available at press time.

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Garden City junior Alex Halfmann dives into the end zone for a touchdown against Ira two weeks ago. The Bearkats rolled to a 45-0 win in less than three quarters against Sanderson Friday. Halfmann threw three touchdowns and ran for another.

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while holding Sanderson to 97 total yards. They gave up just four first downs to Sanderson and forced three turnovers on defense. Halfmann led the Bearkats with four touchdowns. He was 9-for-12 through the air for 151 yards and three scores and added 35 rushing yards and one touchdown. Eggemeyer had a

breakout game as he carried the ball six times for 154 yards and two scores. Bradford led the receivers with five catches for 118 yards and two touchdowns. The Bearkats are open this week and will have three straight home games after that. They play El Paso Jesus Chapel Sept. 23 before hosting Midland Trinity



for homecoming Sept. 30. "I like where we are right now," said Hoskins. "The open week will help us get over some minor bumps and bruises. We will take it easy this week and start our preparation for El Paso Jesus Chapel. "The crowd for the Sanderson game was very good, too. For a three hour road trip we had a bunch of fans that came to support us. We did a lot better on this road trip than we did the last one."

Big Spring's Higgins has sharp debut for McMurry University

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor
ABILENE — Former Big Spring volleyball player Shannon Higgins made her debut with McMurry University earlier this month as she helped the Lady Indians compile a 5-1 record in their first six matches. The Lady Indians began the season with a close three game win over the University of Dallas Sept. 1. McMurry won all three games by just two points. Higgins led the team with 39 assists in her debut as the team's starting setter. After the first win over the University of Dallas,

the Lady Indians took on Saint Gregory's University Sept. 2 and picked up a victory in three games. Higgins had 28 assists to lead the team. McMurry then followed up that win with an unfortunate loss against American Southern Conference (ASC) rival Sul Ross State. The Lady Indians won the first two games, but fell in the final three and lost the match three games to two.

Higgins recorded 51 assists in that match. The Lady Indians also defeated both Hendrix and East Texas Baptist Sept. 7. Higgins recorded 45 assists against the Warriors and 31 against the Tigers. Higgins has a total of 194 assists in six matches and is currently third in the American Southwest Conference (ASC) in assist percentage/game. She is first in the ASC West Division. McMurry was picked during the preseason to finish second in the ASC West Division behind Texas Lutheran.

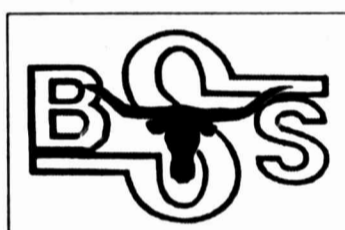
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Gee qualifies for NCAA Division 1 tournament with Pan American

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor
Former Big Spring golfer Rachel Gee has qualified for the first NCAA Division I tournament of the year with her teammates from Texas Pan American. Texas Pan American took the top six girls on the team to the tournament, which will take place Tuesday and Wednesday at the North Texas State Invitational in Denton. Gee will be reunited with some of her old competitors from West Texas. Andrews' Halley Joe Richards and Brittany

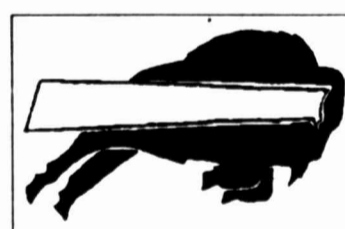


Subia will be taking part in the tournament. Richards golfs for North Texas State and Subia competes for Redlands Community College. Also playing for Redlands Community College will be Snyder's Camey Trout. Whitney Mitchell of Monahans will also be at the tournament as she will competing for McLennan Community

College. The Lady Broncos of Texas Pan American are made up of three seniors in Nikki Boychuk, Daniela Cortes and Stefanie Maynard, three juniors in Carling Filewich, Natalie Haime and Elizabeth Rodriguez and three freshman in Gee, Bronwyn Sandberg and Vanessa Paredez. Other teams in the tournament with Texas Pan American include Texas A&M Corpus Christi, Northern Iowa, Oral Roberts, Louisiana Tech, McNeese State, Texas State, McLennan and Redlands.

Buffaloes can't handle Hawley JV

By JEFF LANE
Special to the Herald
The Forsan Buffalo junior varsity squad suffered another setback Thursday night, falling to the Hawley Bearcats, 36-14. The Buffs had been playing well and just barely missed out on victories in the first two games. Head JV coach Brad Batla said the Hawley game did not reflect how the team had been play-



ing as of late. "We just got outplayed on both sides of the ball," Batla said. "We weren't aggressive and Hawley just pounded us." Offensively, Jace Sandridge found the end-zone late in the third

quarter on a 65-yard run. The only other score came with 2:30 left in the game as quarterback Jeremy Robbins connected with Cody Willis on a 15-yard touchdown pass. Batla said what effort was made defensively was led by Robbins and Jeremy Freitag, who were both in on several tackles. Robbins also added an interception. Forsan's junior varsity team will travel to Christoval next week.

Forsan junior high falls short against Hawley

Special to the Herald
HAWLEY — The Forsan junior high football team traveled to Hawley Thursday and fell to the Bearcats, 41-26. Monte Anderson scored on a 55- and 50-yard run and Evan Burton also scored on a 35-yard run. Jake Moore scored a two-point conversion in the first half, as well. Ryan Flores scored from one yard out to end the Forsan scoring. The Buffaloes will take on Christoval next week.

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Grady comes up short in Ira

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

IRA — The Grady Wildcats did everything they could to score more points than its opponent Friday night, but a back-and-forth battle led to a 56-50 win for the Ira Bulldogs.

The Wildcats led 16-15 after one quarter and outscored the Bulldogs 22-13 in the second quarter to take a 38-28 lead into the locker room.

Ernie Juarez scored Grady's first touchdown on a 43-yard run with 7:52 left in the first frame, but Ira came back to take the lead as Joel Lollar scored twice on runs of 45 and 37 yards, respectively.

The Wildcats eventually took the lead after one quarter as junior Taylor Fields hooked up with sophomore Justin Tubb from 34 yards out. That score came with 1:57 to go in the quarter.

Grady, which dropped to 0-3 on the season with the loss, got three more touchdowns in the second quarter to take a double digit lead into the locker room at the break.

Ira started the second quarter with a touchdown as they reclaimed the lead on a 27-yard touchdown run by Lollar.

Tubb would give the lead back to Grady as he scored again, this time on a 14-yard touchdown reception from sophomore Tommy Lee Rivas.

After an Ira touchdown, the Wildcats scored twice to end the half. Both scores came by way of the ground game as junior Aguedo Najera scored from 25 yards out and Rivas scored later on a 34-yard run with just 17 seconds to go in the second quarter.

The Wildcats have struggled to finish football games this year and that was the case Friday against the Bulldogs.

Ira started the third quarter with a touchdown pass play thrown by quarterback Corbin Clements, his second touchdown pass of the game.

Grady tried to maintain its lead in the third quarter as again Tubb found this end zone on a pass from Fields from 50 yards out.

However, Clements would not be outdone as he again hooked up with another receiver. The Bulldogs would take the lead for good late in the period with a 20-yard touchdown run.

Lollar began the fourth quarter with a 14-yard scamper to the end zone. Grady answered with a two-yard touchdown run by Najera, but neither team scored again.

The Bulldogs used a 20-6 edge in the third quarter and a brilliant effort by Lollar to find the win column for the first time this year. Lollar finished with 295 rushing yards on 24 carries and four touchdowns.

Grady finished with 161 yards on the ground and 241 passing yards, while committing one turnover.

Ira did much of its damage on the ground, running for 418 yards. They threw for only 82 yards, but three of the team's six completions went for touchdowns.

The Wildcats will try to get their first win next Friday on the road against Borden County.



Sands' Matthew Ybarrá gets taken down by a tackle from Westbrook Friday night during the Mustangs' 49-0 loss to the Wildcats.

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Jake Halfmann ran the end zone after intercepting another Coahoma pass. Halfmann took that return 25 yards for the score. Those two touchdowns came 49 seconds apart early in the third quarter.

The two teams did not score in the final 22 minutes of the game.

The Bulldogs finished with just 16 rushing yards on 32 carries and gained 66 passing yards, while committing three turnovers.

Wall ran for 198 yards on 40 carries and threw for another 98 yards. They also had three turnovers and committed nine penalties worth 60 yards.

The Hawks, who are ranked just outside the top 10 in Class 2A, were led by Mills' 103 rushing

yards, 98 passing yards and two total touchdowns. McCormick had 62 yards receiving and one touchdown and also scored on the long interception return in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs' brutal non-district schedule does not get any better as they travel to Jim Ned Friday. The Indians defeated Grape Creek 32-0 Friday, but have surprisingly started the season 1-2. Wall has the week off.

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have rebounded from before, even as recently as last season.

"We started out 0-3 last year and reeled off five in a row, so as long as we learn and take the positives from each week, we will get better," Henderson said.

The first quarter was dominated from the get go by Westbrook. The Wildcats first three possessions were two-play drives that resulted in touchdowns.

Westbrook's Craig Ginkinger scored two minutes into the game on a 33-yard touchdown run. A botched PAT kick

turned into a 1-point conversion as Westbrook kicker Dustin Luttrill completed a pass to Logan Truelove for a 7-0 lead.

A little over two minutes later, Wildcat quarterback Justin Cantu hooked up with Luttrill on a 28-yard touchdown pass. Luttrill then split the uprights, giving Westbrook a 15-0 lead.

Cantu found Cory Morton from eight yards out with 3:38 left in the first quarter, extending the lead to 21-0.

On the first play of the fourth possession, Truelove raced 66 yards for the score. Luttrill kicked the PAT, giving Westbrook a 29-0 lead with 53 seconds left in the first quarter.

Midway through the second quarter, Cantu connected with Luttrill for a 12-yard touchdown. Luttrill added the PAT, pushing the score to 37-0, with 8:14 to play in the first half.

In the third quarter, Cantu completed a 16-yard scoring strike to Jonathan Beard, for a 43-0 lead.

Sands maintained possession of the football for the majority of the third quarter, before Cantu found Luttrill for the third and final time of the night, arriving at the final of 49-0.

Sands plays host to New Home for homecoming next Friday at Ackerly with the hope of earning some more experience and a win.

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FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

Eating healthy has never been easier. Organic has gone mainstream; today it's easy to find organically raised and produced foods because grocery stores nationwide carry organic choices in every aisle.

Organic food is as good for you as it is delicious. For parents concerned about the food they serve their families, organic offers good nutrition without antibiotics, added growth hormones or dangerous pesticides. Brands like Horizon Organic offer organic favorites and diet staples like milk, yogurt, cheese and juice. There are even organic products made just for kids, like flavored single-serve milks and cheese sticks.



Mocha Pudding Pie

Fennel and Sweet Pea Soup

Serves 4-6

- 2 tablespoons Horizon Organic unsalted butter
- 3 medium bulbs fennel, white part only, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1 small onion, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1 small apple, peeled, cored and cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 2 small potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 4 cups low sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 3 cups frozen peas (do not thaw)
- 1 cup Horizon Organic whole or reduced fat milk, or more if needed
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated lemon zest
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- CROUTONS or lemon slices, for garnish

Melt butter in heavy saucepot over medium heat. Add fennel, onion and apple. Cook, stirring occasionally, for about 20 minutes, until well softened and just beginning to brown. Add potatoes and broth and bring to simmer. Simmer about 30 minutes, until potatoes are tender. Add peas, return to simmer, and cook 15 minutes more. Use immersion blender to puree soup until smooth. Alternatively, puree soup in batches using blender or food processor. (Use care when handling hot liquid.) Return pureed soup to pot and stir in milk and lemon zest. Adjust consistency by adding additional milk if needed. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve soup hot, garnished with croutons, or chilled with wedge of lemon.

- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 tablespoon Italian-style seasoned breadcrumbs
- Lemon wedges, for garnish

Melt butter in small saucepan over medium heat. Add shallots and cook, stirring often, 5 to 10 minutes, until shallots are softened. Whisk in flour to form paste. Gradually add milk, whisking constantly and vigorously to prevent lumps. Bring sauce to simmer and cook 10 to 15 minutes, stirring often, until thickened to consistency of rich cream sauce. Remove from heat and whisk in mustard, lemon juice and tarragon. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Set sauce aside while preparing fish; reheat gently just before serving.

Place milk in shallow dish and add fish in single layer. Allow fish to soak in milk 5 to 10 minutes while preparing topping. Whisk together sour cream, mustard and paprika in small bowl. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Remove fish from milk and pat dry. Arrange fillets on broiling pan and spread each with thin layer of sour cream mixture. Sprinkle lightly with bread crumbs. Broil fish 7 to 10 minutes, until top is nicely browned and flesh is opaque throughout. Use caution to avoid overcooking delicate fillets.

To serve, spoon sauce over fish and garnish with lemon.

Mocha Pudding Pie

Serves 10

- Crumb Crust**
 - 1 1/2 cups finely ground chocolate wafer cookies (about 30)
 - 1/3 cup Horizon Organic unsalted butter, melted
- Custard Filling**
 - 2 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
 - 2 tablespoons Horizon Organic unsalted butter, divided
 - 2 teaspoons instant espresso powder
 - 1 teaspoon very hot water
 - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 6 egg yolks
- 2 1/2 cups Horizon Organic whole or reduced fat milk
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup cornstarch

Coffee Whipped Cream Topping

- 1 teaspoon instant espresso powder
- 1/2 teaspoon very hot water
- 1 cup Horizon Organic heavy cream
- 1/4 cup confectioner's sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract



Fennel and Sweet Pea Soup

Broiled Sole With Tarragon Cream

Serves 4

Tarragon Cream Sauce

- 1 tablespoon Horizon Organic unsalted butter
- 1 medium shallot, minced
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 cup Horizon Organic whole or reduced fat milk
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh tarragon
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

Broiled Sole

- 1/2 cup Horizon Organic milk, any variety
- 1 pound sole fillets
- 1/4 cup Horizon Organic sour cream
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease 9-inch pie pan. Place crumbs and melted butter together in bowl and mix well. Transfer crumbs to prepared pan and use fingers to press firmly over bottom and sides of pan, forming crust. Bake 5 minutes and set aside to cool.

To prepare filling, place chopped chocolate and 1 tablespoon butter in medium heat-tolerant bowl and set aside. Place espresso powder in second heat-tolerant bowl and add hot water; stir to dissolve. Add vanilla extract and remaining tablespoon of butter and set aside.

Place yolks in third heat-tolerant bowl and set aside. Combine milk, sugar and cornstarch in heavy saucepan and whisk to blend. Cook over medium heat, whisking occasionally, until nearly simmering. "Temper" yolks by pouring about 3/4 cup hot milk mixture into them in thin, steady stream, whisking constantly to prevent curdling. Whisk tempered yolk

mixture into saucepan to form custard. Bring custard to boil, whisking constantly, and boil 1 minute. Immediately pour half custard into bowl containing chopped chocolate, and other half into bowl containing espresso mixture. Whisk each until blended smooth.

Pour chocolate custard into crust and spread smooth. Gently spoon coffee custard over chocolate and spread into even layer. Place plastic wrap directly on surface of pie and set aside to cool. Refrigerate at least 6 hours or overnight.

Shortly before serving, prepare topping. Dissolve espresso powder in hot water and set aside to cool. Using electric mixer, whip cream until thickened. Add confectioner's sugar and continue whipping until cream holds soft peaks. Add vanilla and instant espresso and whip until stiff. Pipe or spread coffee whipped cream decoratively over pie, or serve on side.

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Engagements



Brandi Renee Calvio and John Edward Nalley

Brandi Renee Calvio and John Edward Nalley plan to marry at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, 2005, in a private home.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jimmie Stiehl of Big Spring and George and Deborah Gutierrez of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Bonnie and the late J.D. Stiehl of Big Spring and Noemi Gutierrez of Earlimart, Calif., and the late George Gutierrez.

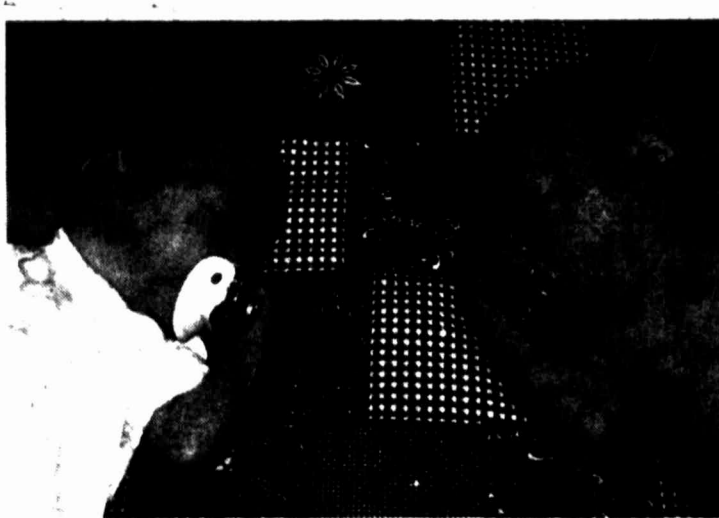
She received a registered nursing degree from

Austin Community College in 2001 and is employed by Home Hospice.

The groom-elect is the son of Belle and Bruce Scholer of Big Spring and John Nalley of Napa, Calif. He is the grandson of Herbert and Mary Sue McPherson of Big Spring and the late Thelma Collins of Napa, Calif.

He is a Coahoma High School graduate and is employed at Western Container Corp.

Births



Ryker Peyton Grove and Tyler Jackson Grove

Ryker Peyton Grove and Tyler Jackson Grove, twin boys, were born Aug. 31, 2005. Ryker Peyton was born at 8:06 a.m. and weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces. Tyler Jackson was born at 8:08 a.m. and weighed 5 pounds, 10 oz.

Their parents are Richard and Michelle Grove of Big Spring. Their grandparents are Ty and Carol Reich of Andrews and Dick and Sally Grove of Big Spring. They were welcomed home by siblings, Kevin and Christina Grove.



Favian Ilias Gutierrez

Favian Ilias Gutierrez, a boy, was born Sept. 1, 2005, weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long.

His parents are Maria Carrasco and Atanasio

Gutierrez III, both of Big Spring. His grandparents are Manuel Carrasco Jr., Maria E. Carrasco, Precilla Rodriguez, all of Big Spring and the late Atanasio Gutierrez Jr.

Dusty Alan Smith

Dusty Alan Smith, a boy, was born Sept. 2, 2005, at 8:03 a.m. weighing 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

His parents are Daniel and Candace Smith of Big

Spring. His grandparents are Vetta Gamble, Mary Armstead, Clay Gamble and Marty and Tim Helmstetter.

Dusty was welcomed home by siblings, Dylan and Lane Smith.

Jerry Worthy to receive '05 Golden Spur Award

Oct. 29, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center

Herald Staff Report

Jerry Worthy of Big Spring will be recognized during the national Golden Spur dinner, planned Oct. 29 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The Ranching Heritage Association will host the event, which will honor John L. "Chip Merrill" of Crowley with the 2005 Golden Spur Award. Merrill is a



Worthy

rancher and owner of the XXX Ranch and a former director of the ranch management program at Texas Christian University.

Worthy will be one of five individuals to be presented 2005 Founders' Awards. The others are Frank Chappell of Connecticut, Jim Humphreys of Lubbock, Giles McCrary of Post and Wilma Powell of Plains.

Founders' Awards are presented to individuals who have demonstrated dedication and distinguished service to the National Ranching Heritage Center over a number of years.

There will be a noon chuck wagon lunch in the Pitchfork Pavilion featuring stage actor and singer R.W. Hampton of Cimarron, N.M. A reception and silent auction will be held at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner and ceremony at the civic center banquet hall, 1501 Sixth St.

Providing entertainment will be Hampton and Kelly Willis of Austin, called by National Public Radio

"alternative country's golden goddess." Hampton will serve as master of ceremonies.

Tickets are \$15 each for lunch and entertainment and \$50 each for the Golden Spur award dinner. Group rates are also available.

For more information, call Whitney King at 806 742-2497. Tickets can be purchased online at www.ttu.edu/RanchingHeritageCenter.golden-spur.html

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Tuesday: Lunch, meatballs, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears, wheat rolls, (high school second choice, stromboli).

Wednesday: Lunch, grilled teriyaki, chicken, seasoned rice, mixed vegetables, kiwi fruit, rolls, (high school second choice, steak sandwiches).

Thursday: Lunch, Mexican beef wrap, tortilla rounds, refried beans, ice cream, (high school second choice, sliced turkey salad).

Friday: Lunch, Pepperoni pizza, potato wedges, mixed fruit, (high school second choice, corn dog).

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast, pancakes, sausage-on-a-stick, syrup, grape juice, milk; Lunch, chicken spaghetti, peas, peaches, bread, milk, hotpockets.

Tuesday: Breakfast, rice, ham, orange juice, milk; Lunch, homemade burritos, potatoes salad, mixed fruit, milk corn-dogs.

Wednesday: Breakfast, waffles, sausage, syrup, apple juice, milk; Lunch,

chicken patties, gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, pears, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, donuts, ham, apple sauce cups, milk; Lunch, tostadas, pinto beans, oranges, milk, burritos.

Friday: Breakfast, French toast, sausage links, juice variety, milk; Lunch, hamburgers, salad trays, chips, apples, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, NutriGrain bar, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken n' noodles, baked potatoes, crackers, peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, cinnamon toast, juice, milk; Lunch, burritos, pinto beans, tossed salad, orange quarters, cookies, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, eggs, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit cup, hot rolls, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, pancakes, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, corn, tossed salad, apple, chocolate cake, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, breakfast pocket, juice, milk; Lunch, barbecue on a bun, pickle spears, tarter tots, corn, mixed

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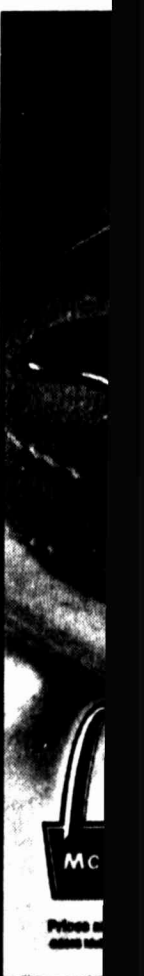
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Howard College to unveil arboretum Nov. 17

Event will mark the 60th anniversary of voter approval creating junior college district

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Howard College officials have put a very aesthetic

touch on celebration plans for the district's 60th anniversary.

To coincide with that milestone, the college will

unveil an arboretum and carillon Nov. 17, 60 years to the day that Howard County voters approved the creation of the junior

college district. Jan Foresyth, the college's director of institutional advancement, said the Howard College Foundation will purchase a carillon — a set of ringing bells — to replace the original set that fell into disrepair about 15 years ago.

The arboretum, placed in front of the administration building, will be highlighted by an assortment of trees and flowers, a waterfall and an arrangement of "pavers" — specially designed bricks that will be engraved with the names of prominent HC officials and alumni from the school's past.

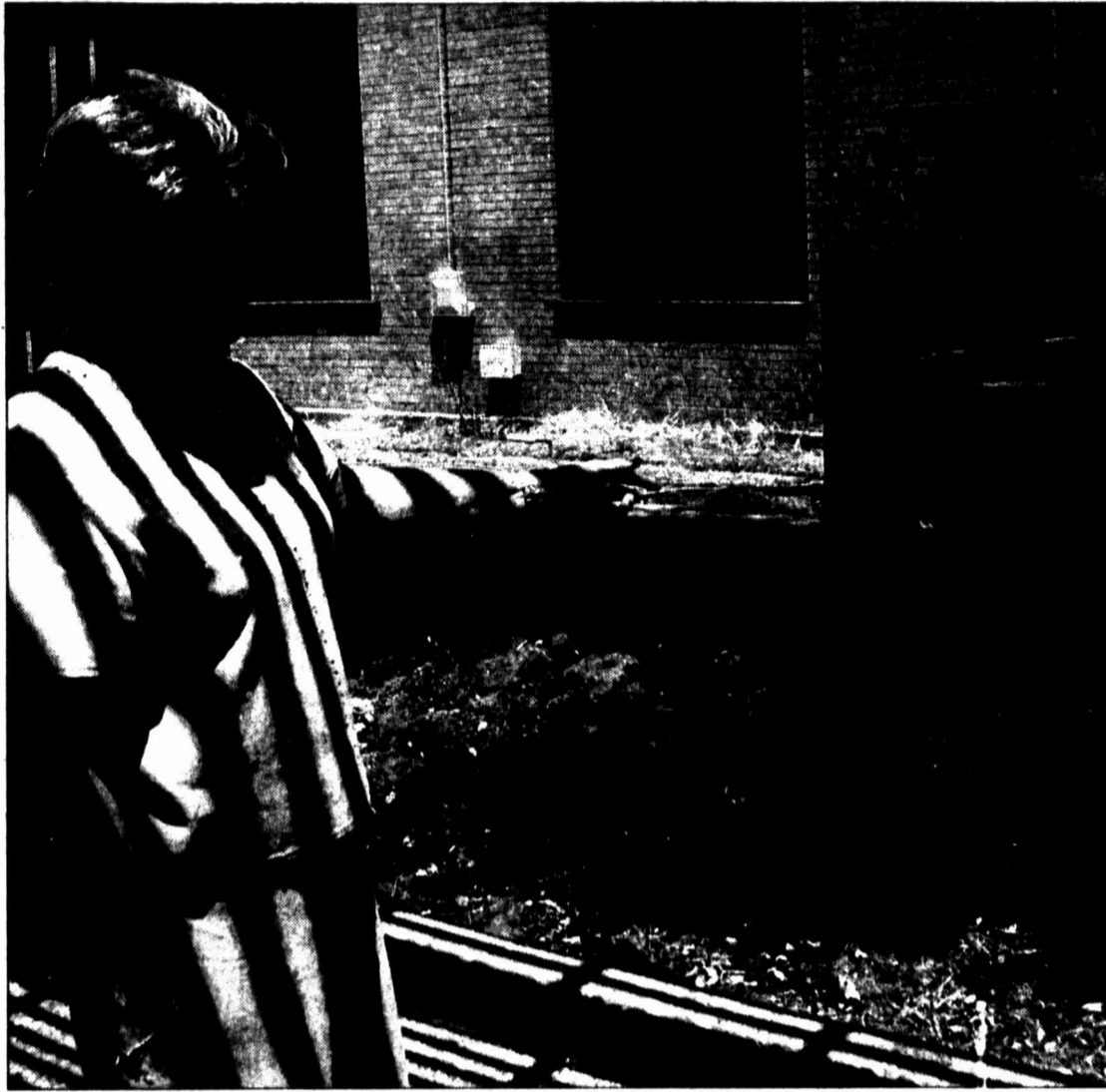
"What we're trying to create is a place of honor to those who have served Howard College in the past," College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said. "It will be a place of memory for those who are no

longer with us ... and it will give students and employees a place they can relax."

Also planned as part of the 60th anniversary commemoration will be the dedication of the new Visual and Performing Arts Center, scheduled for April or May 2006. Sparks said plans are

being finalized to mark the 60th anniversary of the first classes at Howard College Sept. 30, 2006.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.



Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Jan Foresyth of Howard College points out construction work ongoing on an arboretum outside the college's administration building. The arboretum is being constructed to coincide with the college's 60th anniversary, which will be celebrated Nov. 17.

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Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast, donuts; Lunch, hamburgers, oven fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, pudding, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, Pop Tarts; Lunch, roast beef with gravy, rolls, slice potatoes, peas & carrots, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, muffins; Lunch, taco salad, pinto beans, cheese, cornbread, chips, applesauce, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls; Lunch, steak fingers with gravy, black-eyed peas, slice potatoes, rolls, peaches, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, cereal; Lunch, spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, salad, batter bread, cookies, milk.

Westbrook ISD

Monday: Breakfast, pancake pups, cereal, fruit juice, milk; chicken

fajitas, cheese, tortillas, salsa, tossed salad, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, sausage & bacon, biscuits, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, tacos with cheese & salsa, tossed salad, Spanish rice, pear halves, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, donuts, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, peaches, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, French toast, Little Smokies, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, burrito with chili & cheese, tossed salad, corn, brownies, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, PB & Jelly Uncrustables, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, cheeseburgers,

French fries, salad fixings, 1/2 apple, milk.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Center

Monday: Lunch, chicken strips, potatoes, carrots, salad, milk, rolls, fruit.

Tuesday: Lunch, cheese burgers, French fries, beans, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, milk, cobbler.

Wednesday: Lunch, pork chops, sweet potatoes, spinach, salad, milk, rolls, pudding.

Thursday: Lunch, steak fingers, seasoned rice, beans, salad, milk, cobbler.

Friday: Lunch, turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, milk, rolls, fruit salad.

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HELPING HEROES PROGRAM



Big Spring Fire Department Lt. Fred Newman and firefighter/paramedic Shawn Vanmeter enjoy a meal courtesy of H-E-B Friday afternoon at the Wasson Road Fire Station, part of the grocery store's statewide "Helping Heroes" program. More than 300 H-E-B stores participated in the event this week, and according to store officials, hope to make it an annual event.

Texas Cooperative Extension offers 2-day QuickBooks Pro course

MIDLAND — Texas Cooperative Extension will present the Introduction to QuickBooks Pro for Ag Producers on Oct. 27-28 in Midland County's Extension office, 2445 E. Highway 80.



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The program starts at 9 a.m. both days. Bill Thompson, Extension economist at Fort Stockton, said the curriculum targets computer-literate farmers and ranchers who want to improve their record-keeping skills.

"Most producers use a cash record-keeping system as allowed by the IRS (Internal Revenue Service)," Thompson said. "But these records never accurately reflect an operation's financial stability."

"The objective of this workshop is to use QuickBooks Pro to effectively detail the operation's financial situation."

The first day's topics include: Manual and Reference Overviews, Setting Up a New File, Getting Started and Navigating QuickBooks Pro, Using Lists, Handwritten Transactions and Using the Bill Payment Feature.

The second day's topics include: Printing Checks, Reconciling Accounts, Reporting, Accounting 101, Advanced Transactions, Payroll and Introduction to Managerial Accounting. Stan Bevers and Brenda Duckworth, Extension economists from Vernon, will join Thompson to teach the course.

Enrollment is limited to 12 farm/ranch operations. Registration for up

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Medical-device firms hiring high-tech workers

By **VICTOR GODINEZ**

Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Medical-device makers are hitting their stride, and that is translating into job opportunities for technical workers.

Michael Holder, chief executive of Organ Transport System Inc., has seen his company grow from a one-man operation to a team of six in the last few years.

Now he's making room for even more.

"Our hiring plans will be over the next 12 months to add maybe 10 people," he said. "A couple of those people will need to have engineering backgrounds in order to work with and help move forward our design and manufacturing processes."

Organ Transport does exactly what the name suggests — it makes transport devices for human organs that are bound for transplant.

The company is one of three housed in the North Texas Enterprise Center for Medical Technology, a business incubator started by the city of Frisco, Texas, for medical device and health-care-related information-technology startups.

The other tenants are

"You've got an aging population. When you're sick, you want to get well. So there's a built-in demand."



KRT photo/Gary Payne, Dallas Morning News

From left, North Texas Enterprise Center for Medical Technology office manager Kim Cogbill, senior scientific advisor Thomas D. Franklin, executive director Larry Calton, scientific advisor Doug Ball and senior medical advisor Robert I. Kramer are pictured at NTECH is a business incubator for medical device companies.

UltraSensitive Technologies, which makes sensors to detect chemical and biological agents, and OxySure Systems Inc., which has created a portable oxygen generator for use in medical emergencies.

Larry Calton, executive director of the center (www.ntechinc.org), said all three firms are hiring or getting ready to hire technical professionals.

He said medical-device firms are growing because they make

products vital to a growing segment of the population.

"Demographics is probably at the very top level of this, driving it," he said. "You've got an aging population. When you're sick, you want to get well. So there's a built-in demand. It's somewhat less cyclical than other industries."

Within the young industry, many medical-device companies are not yet profitable.

But venture-capital investors

are picking up the slack and pouring money into the field.

These firms — which invest money in young companies in hopes that the investments will increase in value when the companies are sold or go public — invested \$1.72 billion in medical device and equipment makers in 2004.

That was up from \$1.61 billion in 2003, according to the National Venture Capital Association.

And the pace of new investment seems to be accelerating. In first quarter 2005, medical device and equipment venture funding hit \$444.5 million compared with \$343.8 million in first quarter 2004.

As medical-device firms absorb that cash infusion, they'll hire new workers to turn those investments into products, Calton said.

Holder said he will need electrical engineers and bioengineers in particular, but medical-device experience is not required.

The medical-device field is clearly attractive to many engineers.

A survey published in December's Medical Device & Diagnostic Industry trade journal found that the median salary for product-design engineers in the industry is \$89,000.

Nearly three-quarters of the product-design engineers employed in the medical-device field say they're not even thinking about looking for a different job.

That's not to say their careers will be uneventful. More than 60 percent of those polled said their companies had been involved in mergers or acquisitions in the last 12 months.

Holder said he expects to be able to find the workers he needs when he kicks off his latest round of recruiting.

"Finding the right person with a good cultural match for the company and with the right personality traits and so forth is always somewhat of a challenge," he said, "but the talent is out there."

Senior Leadership class registration going on at chamber

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will start a new Senior Leadership class Wednesday, Sept. 14.

This program is free to all

senior adults in the community 55 and older.

The class will meet every other week through Dec. 7.

The Chamber provides the program in order for seniors to be up to date concerning what

goes on in the community and to introduce them to the major entities.

Some residents, for instance, don't know how Western Container makes plastic bottles for Coca Cola, what classes

Howard College has to offer, or how crude oil is processed at the ALON Big Spring Refinery.

The program takes seniors on tours during some meetings. Speakers from the community come in talk to them about dif-

ferent topics, as well.

Applications are available at the Chamber office, 215 W. Third. For more information or to secure a spot in the program, call 263-7641 or the RSVP office, 501 Runnels, 264-2397.

Katrina fallout helping landlords, construction companies

By **DAVID KOENIG**

AP Business Writer

(AP) — Barely 24 hours after Hurricane Katrina made landfall along the Gulf Coast last week, Craig LaFollette got an urgent call from a fellow broker at his commercial

real estate firm in Houston.

Hibernia Bank needed 400 corporate apartments — quickly — to house employees whose jobs were being shifted from New Orleans to Houston.

"The phone rang off the wall the remainder of last

week and so far this week," said LaFollette, a broker for CB Richard Ellis. Other companies also called, looking for blocks of 40 to 50 apartments, and landlords reported lines of Katrina evacuees waiting to sign leases.

"The market has absolutely slammed shut — full occupancy — in about 10 days," LaFollette said.

While nobody wants to be crass enough to put it bluntly, Houston's real estate market figures to be a big beneficiary from

the destruction in New Orleans. The same goes for Houston's energy sector and companies that specialize in big reconstruction projects, such as Halliburton Co. Houston's port has gained shipments that were intended for New Orleans.

"Baton Rouge has gotten a huge increase in people and businesses from New Orleans, which makes sense because it's the closest metro area," said James Diffley, an economist at Global Insight

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County Court Decisions:
Probated Judgment: Roman Avila, driving while license invalid, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Jimmy Anthony Cantu, failure to identify - giving false information, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Johnny Anchondo, criminal mischief - more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Bret Bragg, resisting arrest, \$783 fine, \$215 court costs.
Probated Judgment: Rogelio Jose Perches, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$315 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Teresa Lynne Christon, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$315 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Sally Leanne Hair, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Lloyd Calvin Soles Jr., possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Gary Lee Moore, driving while intoxicated -

open container, \$1,500 fine, \$376 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Patricia Gammons, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$376 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
District Court Filings:
 Ada Mae Kilcrease vs. William Bernard Kilcrease, divorce.
 Heath Blair vs. Jacy Blair, divorce.
 Anna Cruz vs. Tom Cruz, divorce.
 Olga P. Scott vs. Russell W. Scott, divorce.
 Guy Talbot dba Talbot Properties vs. Sav-On Ltd., accounts, notes and contracts.
 LVNV Funding LLC vs. Ruth B. Rogers, accounts, notes and contracts.
 Centex Home Equity Company LLC vs. Tori Borchardt, accounts, notes and contracts.
 Credigy Receivable Inc. vs. Frank S. Palmer, accounts, notes and contracts.
Marriage Licenses:
 Miguel Mejia Yanez, 56, and Silvia Covarrubias Smith, 38, both of Big Spring.
 Brent Newton Fagle, 36, and Sharon Renee Vickers, 39, both of Big Spring.
 Clayton Wayne Durbin, 43, and Brenda Dean Parton, 36, both of Big Spring.
 John Edward Nalley, 32, and Brandi Renee Calvio, 26, both of Big Spring.
 Bryan Nick Harbour, 34, and Nicole Marie Gibson, 32, both of Big Spring.
 Preston Luke Bowlin, 23, and Angelica Olvera Gee, 21, both of Big Spring.
 Philip Garcia, 28, and Dominga Sandy Hernandez, 23, both of Big Spring.
 Jay Lee Billingsley, 39, and Terne DeAnn Allen, 35, both of Big Spring.
Warranty deeds:
 Grantor: Ricardo Soto and Bertha Soto

Grantor: Gary Morgan
 Property: A tract out of Section 24, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date Filed: Aug. 30, 2005

Grantor: Freda L. Lesuer
 Grantee: Joseph William Lesuer
 Property: Lots 16-19, Block 60, Original Town of Forsan
 Date Filed: Aug. 30, 2005

Grantor: Janene A. Luke
 Grantee: Franklin D. Bristow
 Property: A tract out of Section 4, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date Filed: Aug. 31, 2005

Grantor: Catherine B. Green
 Grantee: Meredith Bailey
 Property: Lot 7, Block 25, College Park Estates
 Date Filed: Aug. 31, 2005

Grantor: 14th and Main Church of Christ
 Grantee: Joseph Lesuer
 Property: Lots 5-8, Block 20, Boydston Addition
 Date Filed: Aug. 31, 2005

Grantor: Waterman Inc.
 Grantee: Jacques Roy
 Property: Several lots in the Monticello Addition
 Date Filed: Sept. 1, 2005

Grantor: Jesus Bravo and Yolanda Bravo
 Grantee: Luis Carlos Bravo and Guillermo Bravo Jr.
 Property: Lot 10, Block 1, College Heights
 Date Filed: Sept. 2, 2005

Warranty deeds with vendors:
 Grantor: Charles D. Rosenbaum
 Grantee: Geneva Cox
 Property: Lot 6, Block 3, Capehart Addition
 Date Filed: Aug. 30, 2005

Grantor: Big Spring Gospel Tabernacle
 Grantee: Gods Church His Refuge Ministries
 Property: A portion of Block 20, College Heights
 Date Filed: Aug. 30, 2005

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Grantor: John B. O'Brien and Jane L. O'Brien
 Grantee: Jacob Cavazos and Amanda Cavazos
 Property: Lot 36, Block 5, Douglas Addition
 Date Filed: Aug. 30, 2005

Grantor: Matt Evans and Tera Evans
 Grantee: John O'Brien and Jane L. O'Brien
 Property: Lot 16, Block 5, Muir Heights
 Date Filed: Aug. 31, 2005

Grantor: Cameo Investments
 Grantee: Cindy L. Pittman
 Property: Lot 10, Block 11, Monticello Addition
 Date Filed: Aug. 31, 2005

Grantor: Brandon Luce and Linda Luce
 Grantee: Micky Young
 Property: A tract out of Section 6, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date Filed: Sept. 2, 2005

Grantor: Karen McCuistian and Larry Bob Conway
 Grantee: Buster Gartman and Carolyn S. Gartman
 Property: Lot 5, Block 1, Ridgelea Terrace
 Date Filed: Sept. 2, 2005

Grantor: Charles Rosenbaum
 Grantee: Ruben Martinez and Gloria Hernandez
 Property: Lot 12, Block 20, Monticello Addition
 Date Filed: Sept. 2, 2005

Grantor: Gordon J. Leaman
 Grantee: Homer G. Gandy and Holly T. Gandy
 Property: Lot 5, Block G, Campeste Estates
 Date Filed: Sept. 6, 2005

Grantor: John M. Choate and Eunice Choate
 Grantee: Dolores Victoria Rivera
 Property: Lot 6, Block 5, Stanford Park
 Date Filed: Sept. 6, 2005

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Inc., an economic research firm. "Houston is No. 2."
 Still, it's unclear how many companies and people who washed up in Houston, Dallas, Austin and San Antonio will stay after New Orleans is cleaned up.
 It's too soon to say whether Katrina will be good or bad for the Texas economy, experts say. They warn that any extra work for Texas companies could be offset by higher taxpayer spending on schools and social services for the more than 200,000 evacuees who came to Texas.
 "From an economic perspective, that may be a negative if (those who stay in Texas) have pretty much been in a welfare culture in New Orleans," said Gary Preuss, an economist in

the Texas comptroller's office. "But some others will create new economic activity if they stay."
 The Federal Emergency Management Agency planned to begin handing out \$2,000 debit cards Friday to evacuees at the Astrodome, presumed to be among the poorest who fled Katrina. Local retailers are expected to profit as refugees buy replacement clothes.
 Bill Gilmer, senior economist for the Houston branch of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank, said how evacuees use those cards will signal their plans.
 "Are they going to use that money to leave town or to rent local apartments?" he said.
 Houston has about 480,000 apartments, but that might not be enough for the Katrina influx, said LaFollette, the real estate broker. He expects rents to rise quickly, followed by a new burst of apartment construction by 2007.

Bill Sirakos, chief economist for Frost National Bank in San Antonio, said a massive rebuilding operation in Louisiana will mean work for laborers from Texas. But he warned it will also sap building supplies and labor, causing prices for both to rise. Some builders are already stockpiling lumber before prices go up.
 "If you're trying to build a home in Dallas, you better get on it," Sirakos said. "You might not be able to get material or people to work on it."
 Houston-based Halliburton has about 3,000 people working in the Gulf Coast region, a spokeswoman said. Under a contract it won last year, its KBR subsidiary is restoring power, removing debris and repairing roofs at three Navy facilities in Mississippi for \$12 million and will get \$4.6 million to examine the condition of two other Navy facilities in New Orleans.

KBR has also sent engineers to New Orleans and plans a 1,000-person camp for workers restoring electrical service in Mississippi.
 Over the years, Houston has attracted headquarters and jobs from other current and past energy centers, including Dallas, Midland and Bartlesville, Okla. Now it could do the same to New Orleans.
 Houston-based companies are expected to perform much of the work repairing oil and gas rigs, pipelines and other structures. Energy Partners Ltd., an oil and gas exploration company with about 150 employees, set up temporary headquarters in Houston.
 Whitney Holding Corp. sent headquarters staff to Houston branches of its Whitney National Bank. About 40 of the bank's 148 branches remained closed Friday, but Katrina spared the headquarters building and the company intends to

return to New Orleans after power is restored, said spokeswoman M. Cheryl Jones.
 Houston's port, the nation's second-largest by tonnage, already has gained from the closure of several ports in Katrina's path, although it's too early to measure the increase, spokeswoman Felicia Griffin said.
 Houston and the port of New Orleans vie for shipments of coffee, steel and other goods. Houston's gain appears to be temporary as repairs in New Orleans are occurring faster than expected.
 However, some shippers may continue to divert shipments to Houston and other ports while New Orleans gradually returns to full operations and because of widespread damage in Louisiana, the final destination of many goods shipped to New Orleans, said Aaron Ellis of the American Association of Port Authorities.

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to two members from each operation plus their accountant is \$125. Enrollment ends Oct. 7.
 For more information, call Thompson at (432) 336-8585 or Sam Field, Extension agent, Midland County, at (432) 686-4700.

Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative Extension agent, agriculture, for Howard County. His office

is in the bottom floor of the Howard County Courthouse. He can be reached at 264-2236.
Dawson County Farm Tour and Ag Appreciation Day set Sept. 15
 The annual Dawson County Farm Tour and Agriculture Appreciation Day is scheduled Thursday, Sept. 15. Beginning at 7:30 a.m., participants are invited for coffee and donuts,

provided by the Mesa Underground Water Conservation District, at the Dawson County Community Building, S. Eighth and Houston Avenue in Lamesa. Loading of buses for the tour will begin at 8 a.m. Buses will leave at 8:05 a.m.
 Points of interest on the tour include the Ag-Cares Research Farm, West Texas Agriplex, Helena Chemical and Agro Distribution LLC.
 Speakers will be Dr. Wayne Keeling, system agronomy, weed science;

Dr. Randy Bowman, Extension agronomist, cotton; Dr. Terry Wheeler, soilborne plant pathology; Dr. Dana Porter, Extension ag engineer, irrigation; Jim Bordovsky, Extension ag engineer, irrigation; and Tommy Doederlein, Extension agent, integrat-

ed pest management. At noon, participants will return to the community building for an awards program which will recognize "farm cooperators awards." A catered meal will be served and a number of door prizes will be presented during lunch for

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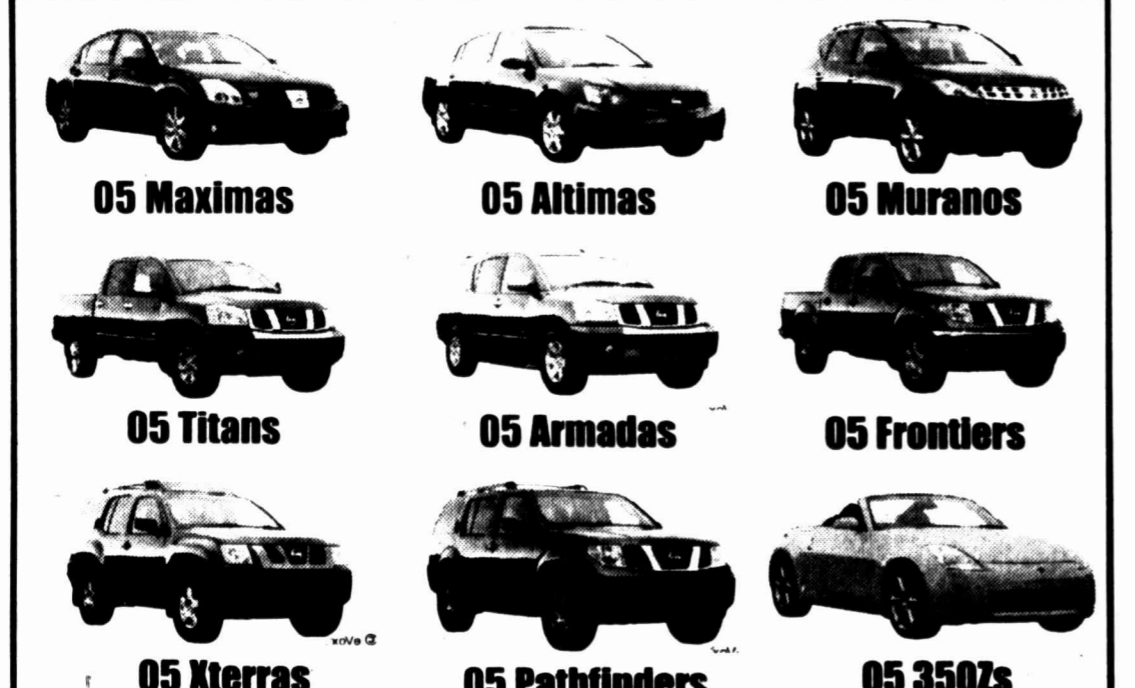
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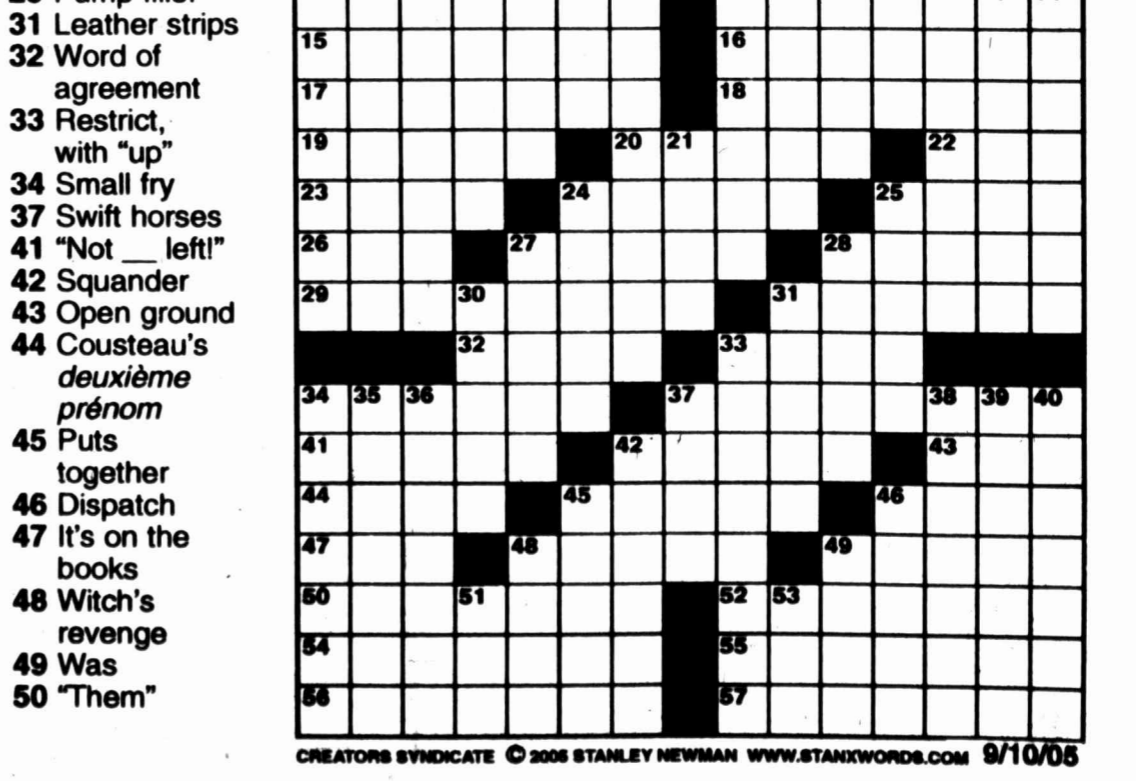
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Love is on the path of transformation as Venus slips into the mystical realm of

Scorpio. Feelings of disconnection and isolation can be healed with one powerful admission, gesture or person. It's a matter of believing that the invisible forces that compel us are actually on our side. Bring more hope and optimism to your relationships.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The stars help you forge loving connections. Couples are tempted to put off togetherness while they "get things done." But bonds are cemented when you get them done together. A Virgo helps you tackle what you've been putting off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Inside of you, a 3-year-old child and a teenager with different desires are battling it out. This could cause ambivalence and inaction. Find a way to integrate these conflicted internal forces, and you'll be productive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) You're restless, but you'll have to cross a few items off your list before you can get on with something new. It won't take you long to finish that project that's been loping along. Don't try to make it perfect - just make it happen.

CANCER (June 22-July

22). Loved ones try to give you props, if you're in the mood to hear them. Be satisfied with what you've been able to accomplish. If you can't appreciate it, it will be hard to motivate yourself in the future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's easy to get ahead of yourself now, but try to take things one moment at a time. Relax and trust. There are mountains in the distance. You'll climb those when you get to them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Give your instincts a workout. Don't wait until you're at a loss to let your intuition point you in the right direction. You're a huge flirt tonight and so adept at manipulating social situations that you may do so for the fun of it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) When purchasing goods over the telephone, why do businesses insist on giving you a confirmation number? You've never once needed one. There's luck when you take the time to wonder why about all the big and little things.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) There's a glorious wishfulness in your soul. You could be most productive by spending the day spinning your radio dial, watching clouds and dancing to your own internal melody.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) It takes a lot of energy to salvage something that hasn't worked from the beginning. Instead of throwing good after bad, it may easier to start completely anew. An Aries can help you with this endeavor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) One financial gesture speaks volumes. Your attitude about money has changed so drastically that you no longer bother to take offense to the ridiculous way that some people spend theirs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You need hours to do absolutely nothing. Play around with ways to stretch your time. Honesty factors in. The more you keep it "real," the less time you spend doing things you don't want to be doing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Being around loved ones reinforces the idea that there is nothing more important than family. A next of kin proposes a financial arrangement. The better the opportunity, the more it requires your thought and planning.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Cosmic happenings unfold like skillful choreography this week. Even the part that seems left to chance connects in an unexpectedly complete way. In fact, it may seem that the more spontaneous and fanciful you are, the more real results you'll achieve.

Venus enters Scorpio, tuning our love channel to some pretty tribal and primal music. Getting to the essence of relationships requires the willingness to be more honest than we've been in the past. Mercury also tries on many configurations in his effort to move us toward greater self-expression. If you feel disrespected, say so. If you

feel taken for granted, speak up. If you feel forced to live up to an impossible expectation, voice it. The reward for looking at the bare bones facts is an opportunity to transform ailing relationships and make the good ones fly to new heights. Whether you shout, whisper or sing your truth, get it out. Keeping feelings inside will only cause them to ferment and become toxic. The tension mounts all week until Saturday brings a release in the form of the full moon in Pisces. It's a wise, Yoda-esque energy that says, "Named must your fear be before banish it you can."

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Though there are pet lovers of all signs, Virgo natives tend to have adoring relationships with their dogs. Case in point, Adam Sandler who loved his late dog Meatball so much he cast him in movies and made him the best "man" at his wedding. In the next 12 months, Sandler could have a non-canine family addition. A Capricorn baby would be a most compatible addition to the family!

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My son has two little children from his first marriage who live with their mother. He recently married "Vera." My new daughter-in-law is very young and has no children of her own yet.

Before they married, Vera acted as if my grandchildren were very important to her. Since then, however, she treats them as though they are from another planet. She constantly bickers with the oldest child, and then she wants everyone to take sides.

I want what is best for



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

my grandchildren. My son used to be very involved in their lives.

Now, it takes an act of Congress to have them visit, and Vera does not participate in any aspect of their care, nor does she have any interest in their activities.

Vera isn't too fond of me because I expect her to behave like a mature adult and a decent stepmother. She's turned it into a personal war, but this is supposed to be a family. My son should not have to put up with a bunch of bickering females and then play referee.

I want my son to be happy, and if Vera makes him happy, that is all I can ask of her. But he also needs his children, and they need him. Any advice for this mother whose heart aches and yet cannot interfere? - Grandma

Dear Grandma: It will do no good to talk to Vera. She has what she wants - your son - and isn't interested in taking on additional responsibilities. The person you should be talking to is your son. These are his children, and it is important that he not abandon them simply because his new wife wants his undivided attention.

Make this about the kids, not Vera. Urge your son to stay close to his children for his sake as well as theirs. We hope he has the backbone to do the right thing.

Dear Annie: "Doris" and I have been dating for a year. We are both in our 40s and divorced. We have many things in common, and 90 percent of our time is wonderful. But the other 10 percent, Doris becomes depressed and accuses me of looking for other relationships.

I stopped looking three weeks after we met, and I have turned down approaches from other women. I'm not interested in meeting anyone else.

I've asked Doris why she feels this way, but

when she is in these moods, she won't answer. I've suggested couples counseling, and she agreed to go, but each time, she cancelled at the last minute.

Doris says if we get engaged, she won't feel this way anymore. I want to propose, but first I would like to see these fights diminish. I think we can solve the problem if she would agree to try. What do you say? - Want To Move Forward

Dear Want: Doris is deluding herself if she believes she will change once you're engaged. She won't. The fact that she refuses to work on the problem is what most worries us - and it should worry you, too. We say, no counseling, no proposal.

Dear Annie: This is in regard to the letter from "Louisville, Ky.," who claimed Marilyn Monroe was a size 14. Actually, she was a size 12.

Back in the '60s, a size 12 would be equivalent to today's size 8. I used to wear that size. I recently bought a size 8 skirt and laid it over an old miniskirt. My new skirt was two inches wider on each side. That's four inches bigger than the old size 8. I'm an inch shorter than I was in 1966 and heavier. (Never mind how much.)

America is getting fatter, and these sizes are deceitful. - Turner, Ore.

Dear Turner: Depending upon whom you ask, Marilyn Monroe's size fluctuated between a size 8 and a size 16, but yes, sizes today are more ample than they were then. What we like about Monroe is that she didn't look like she was starving to death, unlike today's starlets, who give millions of young women the idea that they have to be unnaturally thin in order to look attractive.

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I WANT CANDY!

1. When did people first start eating candy?

Well, it all depends on your point of view. Did cavemen eat Twizzlers and Milky Ways? Probably not. But honey, a naturally sweet treat, has been a favorite throughout recorded history and is even mentioned in the Bible. According to the National Confectioners Association,

the ancient Egyptians, Arabs and Chinese candied fruits and nuts in honey — making an early form of candy. The Mayans and the Aztecs both prized the cocoa bean, and Mayan texts refer to cacao



as the "food of the gods." In 1519, Spanish explorers in Mexico discovered the cacao tree, and chocolate made its way to Europe. People in England and the American colonies enjoyed boiled sugar candy in the 17th century. Hard candies started to become popular in the 19th century — especially sweets like peppermints and lemon drops.

2. How is candy made?

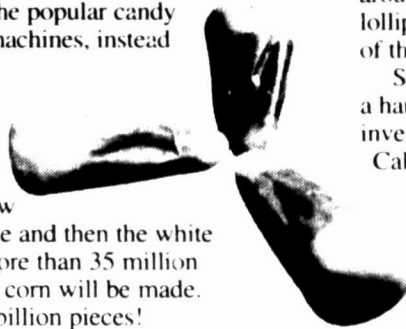
The specifics are different for each type of candy, but the basic process is the same: Candy is made by dissolving sugar in water. The level of heat determines what kind of candy results. Hot temperatures make hard candy, medium heat will make soft candy and cool temperatures make chewy candy.

3. Which holiday boasts the highest candy sales?

Not surprisingly, Halloween, Easter, Christmas and Valentine's Day are close runners-up. According to the National Confectioners Association, 50 percent of kids said chocolate is their favorite treat to receive on Halloween. Twenty-four percent chose nonchocolate candy, and 10 percent picked gum. (Fruit, salty snacks and baked goods like cookies and granola bars were at the bottom of kids' lists.) Another Halloween fun fact: Ninety percent of parents admit that they sneak goodies from their kids' trick-or-treat bags.

4. Candy corn is the signature candy of Halloween. When was it invented?

George Renninger, who worked for the Wunderlee Candy Company, invented candy corn in the 1880. In 1900, the Goelitz Candy Company (now Jelly Belly Candy Company) started producing the tricolor confection. Today, the popular candy is produced by machines, instead of by hand as it was in the early days. It is created from the bottom up — first the yellow layer, then orange and then the white tip. This year, more than 35 million pounds of candy corn will be made. That's almost 9 billion pieces!



5. Speaking of holidays, is there really a National Chocolate-Covered Cherry Day?

Yup. It's Jan. 3. And there's a National Licorice Day (April 12), a National Taffy Day (May 23) and a National Toasted Marshmallow Day (Aug. 30). Are these official commemorative days, sanctioned by Congress? Well, no. But who says we shouldn't celebrate them anyway?

6. How do most kids eat their candy canes?

Believe it or not, there is research on this topic. In a survey conducted by the National Confectioners Association, 54 percent of kids between 6 and 11 said they like to suck a candy cane. Twenty-four percent bite or crunch the candy and 19 percent lick it. (The other 3 percent of kids either didn't know or answered something else.)

7. Was Bazooka bubble gum named after the weapon?

No. The bubble gum and the weapon were both named after a musical instrument created by entertainer Bob Burns in the 1930s. He made it from two gas pipes and a funnel.

8. What happens to swallowed gum?

You may have heard people say that swallowed gum stays in your stomach for seven years. Not quite. According to the health experts at KidsHealth.org, swallowed gum, like other food, moves through your digestive system. With any luck, it will come out the other end, if you know what we mean. But for kids who swallow a lot — and we mean a lot — of gum, it can cause a blockage in the intestine. So when you're done with your gum, get rid of it the right way — by spitting it out.

Fun facts to satisfy your demanding sweet tooth

9. When were lollipops invented?

There is some dispute about who exactly invented lollipops as we know them today. George Smith claimed to have invented the candy-on-a-stick idea in 1908 — he thought a stick would make the candy easier to eat. He named his invention after Lolly Pop, a racing horse, and later trademarked the name. Eventually, Smith stopped making the sweets, and "lollipop" became a generic name.

Racine Confectioners Machinery Co. claims to have invented the first lollipop machine around the same time Smith was inventing his lollipop. Their machine could make 40 pieces of the candy per minute.

Samuel Born was also credited with having a hand in the development of lollipops — he invented the Born Sucker machine in California in 1916. San Francisco awarded Born the keys to the city to honor his contribution to candy history.

Today's machines can make about 5,900 lollipops in a minute. The Spangler Candy Company, which makes Dum Dum Pops, produces about 8 million of the bite-size sweets each day.

10. How big was the world's largest lollipop?

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the world's largest lollipop weighed 4,759.1 pounds (2,158.7 kg) and was made by Franssons of Sweden for a festival on July 27, 2003.

11. How are marshmallows made?

The ancient Egyptians enjoyed a gooey treat made from the mallow plant — a plant that grows wild in marshes. Later, in the 1800s, European candy makers whipped sap from the mallow root into a fluffy candy. But making the marshmallows by hand was a

time-consuming process, so candy makers began to modify the system, replacing mallow root with gelatin. In the mid-20th century, the process was modernized again, and the marshmallow ingredients (mostly corn syrup, starch, sugar and water) were run through tubes and then cut into uniform pieces. After those changes were made, marshmallows became extremely popular in the United States. Today, Americans buy about 90 million pounds of marshmallows each year!



12. While we're talking about marshmallows, where did s'mores come from?

No one knows for sure, but as far as anyone can tell, the first documented "recipe" for the chocolate, graham cracker and marshmallow treat was in 1927 in the Girl Scout handbook. According to the Guinness Book of World Records, "the largest s'more ever was created on May 23, 2003, from 20,000 toasted marshmallows, 7,000 Hershey's chocolate bars and 24,000 graham crackers. It weighed an incredible 1,600 pounds (725.7 kg)!"

13. Why does chocolate melt in your mouth?

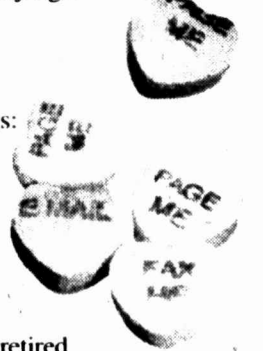
Cocoa butter melts just below body temperature (98.6 degrees). That's why chocolate melts when you put it in your mouth — and sometimes in your hand!

14. How many conversation hearts are made each year?

According to NECCO, which produces Sweethearts conversation hearts, about 8 billion of the candies are made each year. The treats, originally called Motto Hearts, were first created in 1866 by Daniel Chase, brother of NECCO founder Oliver Chase. The company produces about 10 new sayings for the hearts each year. You can have the hearts custom-printed, but you have to be willing to buy an entire production run — that's 3,500 pounds, or about 1.6 million hearts!

Conversation hearts come in six colors: pink, orange, yellow, green, purple and white. And in 1981 Spanish-language candy hearts were introduced. Most popular sayings:

- Be Mine
 - True Love
 - Kiss Me
- Retired sayings:
- Buzz Off
 - Stop
 - Try Me
 - Bad Boy
 - Hot Stuff



■ Say Yes
"One I Love" was retired but returned to production in 1997 after an 80-year absence.

15. When did candy bars first become popular?

During World War I, the U.S. Army commissioned several chocolate manufacturers to produce 20- to 40-pound blocks of chocolate. They were shipped to Army quartermaster bases, where they were chopped into smaller pieces and distributed to the troops. (Eventually, the manufacturers began producing smaller pieces.) When the soldiers returned home, they had developed a taste for candy bars, and a new industry was born!

16. Have M&M's always had an "M" stamped on one side?

No. Even though M&M's were first manufactured in 1940, the "M" didn't appear until 1950. And it used to be a black "M," not white like it is today.

17. Were Hershey's Kisses produced during World War II?

Since Kisses were created in 1907, production has stopped only once: between 1942 and 1949. During the war, the silver foil used to cover the chocolates was rationed. The equipment normally used to make Hershey's Kisses was used to temper chocolate paste for military ration candy bars.

18. Which candy has been to the South Pole?

In the 1930s, Admiral Richard Byrd took 2 1/2 tons of NECCO Wafers to the South Pole. That amounted to almost a pound of candy per week for each of the men in his crew during their two-year stay in the Antarctic.

19. Where does the name PEZ come from and what was its first use?

It comes from Pfefferminz, the German word for "peppermint." (Get it? PfeffErminZ.) Pez started out as an aid to smokers trying to quit. The headless dispenser was made to look like a cigarette lighter.

PEZ candy was first sold as a peppermint candy in Vienna, Austria, more than 70 years ago. Today, more than 3 billion fruit-flavored PEZ are eaten each year in the United States alone.

Did you know there is a museum devoted to the plastic candy dispensers? The Burlingame Museum of Pez Memorabilia in Burlingame, Calif., has almost every Pez dispenser ever made. And they are all for sale — ranging in price from approximately \$2 to \$1,300.



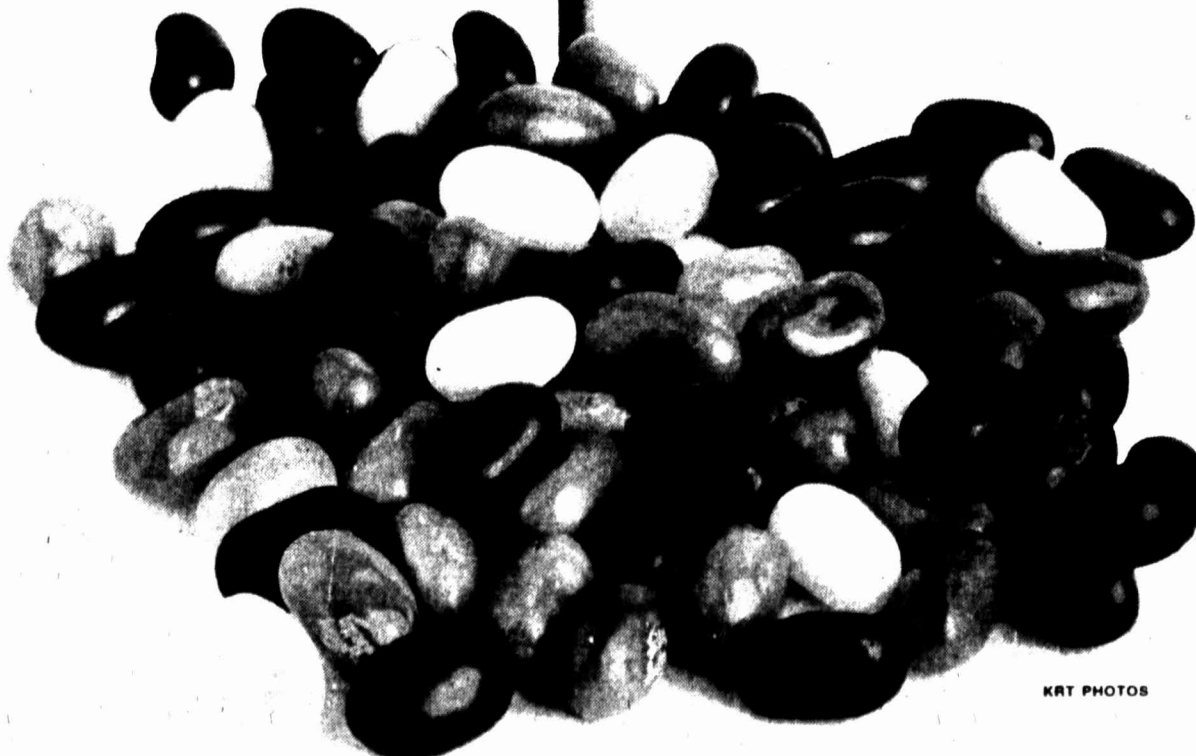
20. Which U.S. president was known for his love of jelly beans?

Ronald Reagan! During his presidency Jelly Belly beans were served in the Oval Office and on Air Force One. There was even a special holder designed for the plane to keep the beans from spilling during turbulence. And, if that wasn't enough, the beans blasted into outer space when Reagan sent them on the 1983 flight of the space shuttle Challenger.

And while we're talking about jelly beans, did you know that each year, American manufacturers make more than 16 billion jelly beans for Easter? They would fill a plastic Easter egg 89 feet high and 60 feet wide!

— Becky Sher, Knight Ridder/Tribune

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